



Newsletter of the

Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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Our President's December report

The last month has been very busy with various activities such as:

Queenscliff Woodworking Club visited our Club.
Southern Peninsula Woodworkers Club visited.

Both were very successful and well-attended functions.3) Our Annual Presentation of Toys to the Mayor of Knox Christmas Toy Appeal and the St.Vincent De Paul

Society at our November Meeting and the St. Vincent De Faul Society at our November Meeting and the presentation of Granddaughter Clock to The Angliss Hospital. 4) On Sunday 13th November we had a very

4) On Sunday 13 November we had a very successful demonstration by a young French Wood turner Remi Verchott with 44 members and visitors from 8 other Woodworking Clubs some from as far away as Philip Island, Koonong, Wonthaggi, Geelong and The Peninsula. Our thanks to Joyce Brown for organising this wonderful day.

5) On Saturday 19th November we had Our Kid's Corner Stall at The Friends of Fern Tree Gully Fair, which was a little disappointing because of the weather, but we still sold 33 kits and the kids enjoyed the activity.

6) We also had a Kid's Corner Kits Session at Heany Park Scout Group at Rowville with 21 scouts and 7 of our members enjoying the activity.

Our thanks to all members who attended/helped with any/all of these activities. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

7) Our End of Year Christmas Break Up Dinner and Carols By Candlelight Function on Saturday 3rd December had approximately 124 members, families and friends attending. It was as successful as usual. Our 7th December Meeting, Auction and Sausage Sizzle is always a very entertaining night .We hope to see our usual good turn up of members on the night. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Members, Families and Friends a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2006. I look forward to seeing and speaking to you around the Club. Paddy Mc Cann

<u>**SPECIAL NOTICE**</u> <u>Take note of the Club</u> End of Year Shutdown period

The Club rooms and workshop will: Close from 9:30 pm on Friday 16th December Reopen 8:30 am on Monday 16th January 2006.

A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members get as much 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. Here are our 4 new members:

Louis Smith Peter Cass David Jamieson Peter Bradley

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<u>Community Support Activities</u> being undertaken by the Club

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Description	Recipient	Status		
Honour Board	Reach Out for Kids	Completed		
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In Progress		
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids			
		Continuing for 2006		
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continually In Progress		
Kids Corner Kits	Stringybark and	Continually In		
	Knox Festivals	Progress, Monday		
		nights & Tuesday days		
4 Small Tables	Kallista Kinder	In Planning		
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning		
Set of Steps	Friends of FTG Fair	Completed		
Clock	2006 Knox Festival Raffle	In Planning		
Turned Bowl	2006 Knox Festival Raffle	In Planning		
22 Special Chairs	Cerebral Palsy	In Progress		
	Association			
15 Adjustable	Cerebral Palsy	In Progress		
Stools	Association			

<u>Remi Verchot woodturning</u> demonstration on Sun 13th November

Well, what a fantastic day we had. The last item Remi turned was a Trembleur, (a 450mm long Goblet) that will be displayed at the Club. Thanks to Pat and Paddy Mc Cann for their wonderful culinary efforts - nobody went hungry. Thanks to all the helpers - Doug Camp for loaning his lathe, tools and camera equipment, Bob Plant for being cameraman and Colin Stewart during and after the day. Remi has turned and demonstrated in many countries in the world. Any Club that wishes to book Remi, can contact me and I will pass on his details. Joyce Brown

"Any publicity is good publicity" as the saying goes!

A photographer from the Leader local newspaper (Peta Carlyon) was at the Club in November to take a series of photos of club members, the workshop, various projects, and any other "things" of interest. These may be used in articles which we hope will appear from time to time. John O'Rorke

Equipment maintenance

Peter Sleeman has formally kindly taken on the very important function of heading up a small sub-committee group to oversee equipment maintenance throughout the Club.

A big thank you to members

The donations from members for timber they took from the Club's timber stock totalled \$126 over the last month – well



done to those members, as it helps the Club's finances and gratifies those who take the time, effort and trouble to donate timber, or collect it, or stack it on the shelves etc.

Your Safety starts with you!

With the hot summer weather approaching, we all like to wear light open clothing and footwear. However, please <u>don't</u> do this if coming to work at the Club. Loose fitting clothing can get caught in machinery and open sandals or thongs do not protect your feet.

Our members are having fun entering local Show competitions and winning awards

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At the Lillydale Agricultural Show –
Paul Phillips - won the "Best in Show 1 st Prize" with a
rocking horse.
Joyce Brown - won three 1 st prizes and a 2 nd prize with
wood turned articles.
Gerry Daelmans –won a 2 nd prize and a "Highly
Commended" for wood carvings.
At the Dandenong Agricultural Show –
Paul Lucas - won a "Highly Commended" for a wood
turned article.

At the Stringybark Festival Art & Craft Show -

Paul Lucas - won a 2^{nd} prize for a wood turned article. Well done to you all!!

A visit by Queenscliff Woodworkers club members

26 Queenscliff members and partners together with 26 of



our Club members had a very successful social gathering at our Club in November. Here is Peter Jordan entertaining 2 of the guests.

Picture by John O'Rorke

Proudly sponsored by Cr Karin Orpen, the Councillor for Dobson Ward

<u>Looking for your next project and</u> wondering how to find it at the Club?

You hopefully will no longer have to waste time tediously going through each of the magazines in our Club library.



Ray Pike is doing a great job gradually preparing a listing of all the woodworking projects in our large number of woodworking magazines with details on where to find them.

The first hard copy list is already available at the Club for you to peruse.

Gary Pope, who kindly maintains our website, has started to add the list to our website.

The cross-reference list is in the members activities area of the website at:

http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcactv.htm Then go to the list at:

http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/download/magazine_pr ojects.pdf

The list will certainly be of great benefit to our "woodies" in suggesting ideas for projects, and will be a 'how-to-do' help list for those who know the project but not how to go about it.

Welfare

Rennie Van Aken is recovering and we wish him well for a full and quick recovery.

Max Holt's wife, Lyn, has been on the sick list also and we wish her well in recovery.

Christmas Toy Distribution



Here is just one view of the 400 toys made by members over the last year.

Picture by Geoff Inkster



Mayor Jenny Moore for the Knox Christmas Toy Appeal and Bob Winspear, (one of our members), representing the St Vincent DePaul Society were astounded at the marvellous range of toys they have gratefully accepted on behalf of their groups.



Penny Newsome, GM of the Angliss Hospital, is impressed by the quality of the clock made from wood from a tree felled on their hospital site. The lovely delicate scroll-



sawn toy furniture pieces in front of the clock were made by Les Clayton.



Around the Club

No, this is not Darth Vader from Star Wars in his black face helmet at the Club. And no, we have not introduced some strange new woodworking machinery into the workshop.

It is Peter Sleeman doing some welding work for the Club. Naturally, he ensured all nearby flammable material was removed

and naturally this is not a new variety of project work that can be done by other Club members!!

Our Christmas BBQ dinner function

We had an incredible record number of 125 people at the BBQ dinner last Saturday and thankfully the rain held off until we finished. Everyone enjoyed the night which was "cosy and friendly" as most ate under cover as evidenced



by the photo. Thanks to all who helped at the Working Bee to clean up the shop, move equipment and tables,

supervise parking etc. As usual there was plenty of great food.

Here are some of the hopefuls waiting to see if they may win one of the beaut raffle prizes, with tickets drawn by Cr Karin Orpen.







Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	8:30 am	- 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
woodturning)	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

10 th December	9:30 am	12:30 noon	To be advised	
14 th January	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
21 st January	9:30 am	12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
28 th January	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
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	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

The Club facilities are closed from 9:30pm 16th December until 8:30 am Monday 16th January 2006

In The Big "Woodies" World

The quiet season!!

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 Solo				

For Sale

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

That's Life!

The body of our organisation has 4 bones: *Wish bones* – those who spend

their time wishing someone else will do all the work.

Jaw bones – those who do a lot of talking and very little else. Knuckle bones – those who knock everything that anybody else tries to do. Back bones – Those who get involved and do all the work. Which type of bones are you?

Kids!

A kindergarten class had a homework assignment to find out something exciting at home and relate it to the class the next day. When the time came to present what they'd found, the first little boy the teacher called on walked up to the front of the class, and with a piece of chalk, made a small white dot on the blackboard and sat down again. Puzzled, the teacher asked him what it was. "It's a period," he replied.

"I can see that," said the teacher, "but what is so exciting about a period?"

"Darned if I know," he said, "but this morning my sister was missing one.

Mum fainted, Dad had a heart attack and the boy next door joined the Navy."

<u>Turners Talk</u>



Joyce Brown was quite rightly very proud with the result of this first miniature goblet she turned recently after being inspired by seeing one done by Remi Verchot. You can see how small it is in the palm of her hand. Well done Joyce.

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