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Newsletter of the

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Your Committee for 2006

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Our President's May report

On Saturday 8th April we had our 2nd Working Bee for 2006 and I was very encouraged by the 34 members who attended and we got through a lot of clearing up, to the extent that we filled a 18 cubic meter Skip, which made quite a dent in our stock of materials which was becoming an embarrassment to our restricted storage space problems. Our thanks to all members who attended and worked hard on the day. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

Our negotiations continue with Knox Council regarding our request for extensions to our premises. These discussions have reached approval in principal to an extension but are at the stage of discussing details to be approved which will take time. We are also progressing with details of our Lease / Licence with Council. We are happy enough with our progress to date but these matters do not happen overnight.

The Rocking Horse Group have been very busy over the last couple of months and have just finished 2 Horses to be entered at The Australian Woodturning Exhibition at Nunawading on 16th - 18th June. They have also finished the Horse for our joint venture with Berwick Woodworkers as a present to Tyler Fishlock the little boy who lost his eyes due to cancer. Gentlemen, in both Clubs, please accept our sincere thanks for all your time efforts and skills.

I would again like to remind members of our "Be In It" Competition and Open Day to be held on Sunday 13th August. This is our annual opportunity to show our Club skills and talents to other members, our families, friends and the public. The only restrictions on members entries to the competition is that they must have been made within the

last 12 months. I encourage all members and especially our newer members, to make the effort to enter into the spirit of the competition. If you have not started your entries yet you still have 4 months to complete them. We will keep you posted on the arrangements for the day.

I would remind you also of our commitment to making "Toys for Disadvantaged Children for Christmas". Our commitment being that each member would make at least one toy for the children for Christmas. The toys must be ready for presentation at our November 1st Meeting, which gives us 7 months to make our contributions. A suggestion could be that you make a toy which you enter into the "Be In It" Competition and afterwards donate to the Toys for Disadvantaged Children.

If you are unsure as to what toy to make we have a number of books on "Wooden Toys" available in our Library. We are off to a very slow start this year as our "Toy Count" stands at 3 (three) only. Last year 2005 we donated 400 toys and the previous year 2004 we donated 600 toys. I ask you to make a concentrated effort to at least reach last years total of 400 toys. I would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining a "Toy Making" Group. Please think about it, as many other woodworking clubs already have successful toy making groups.

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

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You did not get our Newsletter in April?

No!, well you did not miss out as it was not produced in April as Maureen and I were in Indiana USA for 4 weeks visiting our son and family and unfortunately no one else was available to produce it. But I am back in action now.

Paul Lucas

The options for potentially extending our building premises and storage

Negotiations with the Council continue to progress favourably.

Remember, if you have any ideas you would like incorporated into the planning then now is your chance to mention them to the Committee for possible inclusion!

A volunteer for preparing the Saturday Roster?

Jan Brown has done a great job organising the Saturday roster for some time, but now has other commitments and we need someone to volunteer to take the task over from her **after June this year**.

It is not an onerous task but it is an essential one that only needs to be organised once every 6 months for the next 6 month period.

To get details of what is required please ring Jan on phone 9762 1063 or email: janninebro@yahoo.com.au

Charles Bruckner has resigned from all committee functions

After more than 5 years of very active effort supporting many committee activities within the Club, Charles has decided to have a complete rest and just enjoy doing his own projects and helping with group projects and activities such as the rocking horses etc.

Charles was Secretary for effectively 5 years and anyone who has held a position as Secretary in a club knows just how time consuming the job can be as members call on you for all manner of things.

Thanks for a job well done Charles and you will be sorely missed within the committee – it means all the rest of us will have to do more!!

Enjoy your time doing your own thing, Charles.

A continuing “thank you” to members

The committee thanks all members for continuing to contribute a donation for timber taken from the Club’s timber stock – well done.

Please remember to check with the keyholder before bringing any timber for donation as we may have storage constraints at the time.

Your Committee

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“Be In It” competition And Club Open Day Sunday 13th August

As Paddy mentioned, start thinking about what you will enter and get the items completed, (if you have not already figured out what you will enter).

Details of categories and arrangements for the day will be advised later.

Safety and Security issues around the Club

1. It is pleasing to see the Safety Report Sheet being filled in when a member incurs an injury at the Club – not that it is pleasing to see that members injure themselves!! These reports help the committee review what improvements may be necessary to procedures to prevent recurrences.
2. It is also pleasing to see Defect Equipment Reports being placed on machinery that are out of order as these highlight the defect and make it easier and quicker for the person who will repair it
3. Remember, you need to seek permission from Paddy Mc Cann or Hughie Gaynor to use the Club computer if you are not one of those authorized to use it.

Around the Club

Ted Bricker is in the process of making a violin and he is



pictured here working on the resonance box which has to be a precise thickness to be successful. I have asked to see the completed instrument to photograph

and show you one of the diverse range of articles our members make at the Club.

Joe Semenow gave a very interesting talk on the various sanding instruments he uses during the carving and finishing of a rocking horse. He makes several of the



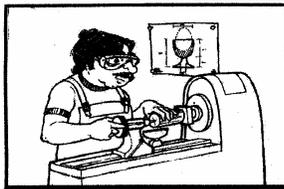
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sanders himself to suit what he knows will do a better job, save considerable time in the process and save him money at the same time! Pictured is Joe showing how he goes about making some of the sanders.

Bill Ireland is engrossed in constructing a toy truck.



Turner's Talk



It is great to see Murray White wearing protective gear while working on the lathe. Wearing this may be cumbersome at times but it is safer and protects your health.

Murray is an active turner at the Monday turning sessions.



Several newer members (including David Light and Terry Button) are interested



in watching and learning from a turning project underway. This is one of the major benefits of the Club – everyone can learn from all the other members by watching or asking questions.



Mick Pendrey is very happy with the way his hexagonal shaped bowl is developing under the watchful eye and assistance of John Emptage. Naturally, the lathe is stationary in the photo to enable you

to see the shape of the bowl. Mick is also a regular turner at the Monday turning sessions.



I just happened to catch this impromptu shot of Hurtle Lupton with his "mate" at the Club recently as they were a perfectly colour coordinated pair. I thought it was a humorous photo. In case you can't guess, Hurtle is the

one with the mobile phone to his ear!!

Welfare

We wish those who have not been well over the last month a speedy recovery.

Web site resource

For Woodturners <http://www.woodturningonline.com/> This is apparently a most comprehensive site with a multitude of links.

(From Peter Kerr at the Waverley Woodworkers)

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 May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
13 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
20 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
27 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
3 rd June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
10 th June	9:00 am	12:00 noon	WORKING BEE	

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

Wed 3rd May
General Meeting at 7:30 pm

Wed 24th May
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wed 7th June
General Meeting at 7:30 pm

Sun 13th August
"Be-In-It" Competition & Open Day

Wed 4th October
AGM Meeting

Sat/Sun 21-22nd October
Stringybark Festival
Kid's Corner etc.

Wed 1st November
Toy Presentation at the General Meeting.

In The Big "Woodies" World

Sun 28th May
Wimmera Woodturners Guild,
10th Annual Wood & Craft
Expo, Horsham

Sat/Sun 10-11th June
Naroom & District Woodworkers
12th Exhibition, Central Tilba

Fri/Sun 16-18th June

The Australian Woodturning
Exhibition, Nunawading

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Fri/Sun 14-16th July
Australian Scrollsaw Network
Exhibition, Adelaide.

Fri/Sun 20-22nd October
Melbourne Timber & Working
with Wood Show, Southbank

Sat/Sun 21-22nd October
Bendigo Show

6th November
Redcliffe Expo

Fri/Mon 17-20th November
Eltham Annual Exhibition

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.
\$15 & \$20 each respectively.
Refer to Frank O'Connor

Life's Great!!

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked

"Hunting flies" he responded.

"Oh, killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, three males and two females"

Intrigued, she asked "How can you tell?"

He replied "three were on a beer can and two were on the phone"

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, face protection and dust mask while using Club equipment.

Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.

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