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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President's August report

Our Annual "Be In It" Competition and Open Day will be with us again on Sunday 13th August 2006. We are looking forward to as many entries and as large a turnout as we had last year, when members, families and friends numbered over 100 attending. I hope you have your entries ready for the competition. Please check your newsletter for details of when your entries will be accepted and recorded, also the opening times for the Sunday. Don't forget to 'Bring a Plate' to share for afternoon tea. I look forward to meeting you there.

By the time this report goes to press we will have completed the signing of our new lease with Knox City Council. It has taken us 12 months to negotiate the lease and we are pleased to report that we have got all the requests that we negotiated.

To keep you up to date with regard to our negotiations on our extensions – we have an agreement 'in principle' for an extension to our workshop and have engaged *Design 20* to prepare drawings, building specifications and costing for submission to Knox City Council. When these have been agreed upon then we will have to start the task of obtaining the finances to carry out the building of our extensions. We will be looking for where we can obtain any available Grants. As we progress with negotiations we will keep you informed.

During July we have received letters and certificates of appreciation from:

- Caritas Cristi for 6 easels for use by terminally ill patients

- Coonara Community House for making a 1200mm plaque for them to decorate, to be used in a memorial garden
- Upper Ferntree Gully primary School for playground equipment made by Bent Hols-Jensen on behalf of the club - Thank You Bent.
- Angliss Hospital Children's Ward where we delivered 2 Rocking Horses to the children's ward and have taken back 2 horses for refurbishment (Thanks to the efforts of Joe Semenow and our Friday night Rocking Horse Group – Thank You Gentlemen

These are some of the community projects that we are involved in. If you are interested in helping, speak to me or one of the committee. We thank all those members for their enthusiastic involvement in our community projects.

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

Not getting your Newsletter in colour by email?

Remember to give me your new or changed email address either by sending it to my email address at the top of this newsletter or put it on a note and leave in my pigeon hole in the Club office.
Paul Lucas

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Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Rocking Horses	Angliss Hospital	Completed
Large Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continually in Progress
Kid's Corner Kits	Kid's Corner functions	Continually in Progress
Chairs, Stools and Aids	CPEC	When Required
Spinning Wheel	FoFTG	Completed
Possum Boxes	Vermont Primary School	In Progress
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress
Honour Board	FTG Girl Guides	In Planning

An interesting item for those who unfortunately missed the Club Meeting in July

One of our members has a side to him that others might best be aware of.

Robert Gower holds a 3rd Dan Taekwondo black belt and was good enough to share his knowledge and interest with the members at the July meeting. Robert outlined the long history of the art, and demonstrated a number of the moves to us, including some very informative techniques that are used for self-defence.

Paddy, taking front chair position in the audience soon found himself as the guinea pig for some of Robert's tactics for defending himself. It was all quite a new insight for many of the members who were keen to ask many questions about the use of Taekwondo as a means of exercise, fitness, and defence. Robert was very quick to point out that the art does NOT involve use of weapons – it is all done with bare hands and feet! (and a few broken toes over the years, plus bruises each meeting – make those who practice the art, all the more ready each week they meet!)

Oddly enough, the woodworker's meeting night had the topic of bandsaw blade damage as a high priority for considering ways by which timber could be better dealt with in order to avoid costly blade replacements.

From the looks of the picture I took, showing Robert splitting wood held by Ian Stewart with a quick and

decisive blow of the hand – Robert may have more use around the club than he bargained for!

Ka-Chung (top that Mr Bandsaw!)

Gary Pope



Photo by Gary Pope

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

Completing your items for entry?

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

Bring the family and friends and join in the fun for the day **and remember to bring a plate of afternoon tea.**

Timetable of Events.

Entries will be accepted at the Club on:-

Friday Evening

11th August 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday Morning

12th August 8:00am - 12noon

Sunday Morning

13th August 9:00am - 11:00am

Sunday 13th August

The Clubrooms will be closed to members 11:00am until 2:30pm for Judging of entries.

Clubrooms will open at 2:30pm for everyone to inspect and admire the usual marvellous array of entries from a wide range of all you very talented members.

Afternoon Tea will be from 3:00pm

Presentation of Certificates to Winners
3:30pm - 4:00pm

It doesn't matter if your entry doesn't win a certificate, the fun is in entering.

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A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members, who have joined in the last month, 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.

Our new members are: Les Gallagher
David Hamilton
John Rankine
Kevin Hinkley
John Chan
Peter Gleeson

Don't forget the WORKING BEE at the Club on 12th August

As many people as possible are needed for this day as it is the day before the "Be In It" Competition and Open Day.

Carvers Corner

At the recent Monday evening carving session Gerry Daelmans was not only pleased as usual with his progress in another carving but was very proud to show off a giant grapefruit (or was it a giant lemon??) he had grown as can be seen. It would be interesting to know what it tasted like Gerry, as many oversized fruits and vegetables look lovely but often lack the subtle flavour of normal sized pieces.



Future operation of all Club Bandsaws, Table Saw and Docking Saw.

For the benefit of those members who could not attend the last monthly meeting on Wednesday 5th July I wish to take this opportunity to provide all members with the relevant details and background to the issues associated with the recent change introduced for operation of all Club timber cutting equipment.

Peter Sleeman reported in detail that damage continues to increase despite a concerted effort by him and other members of the Equipment sub committee to make all

members aware of the need to operate these machines along with other Club equipment in a safe and proper manner. The Club spent \$650 in June alone for the replacement or resharpening of bandsaw and saw blades and from the evidence left after the machines were out of order it was clearly evident that the damage had been caused by the blades striking foreign objects such as

nails/bolts/screws/wire and or cutting/shaping of green and wet timber such as logs/branches/old red gum house stumps etc. Arising out of Peter's report a lively discussion took place by those present which resulted in a motion being put forward which was unanimously passed that the future use of all saws would be restricted to cutting of processed timber only. Placards outlining the intent of that motion have been placed on all machines restricting their use to processed timber only and that cutting of green logs/branches/wet stumps is strictly forbidden.

I expect that as a result of this action taken that some members may be slightly inconvenienced by this change in operation of all saws for some projects, however, as President in conjunction with The Committee we would all be considered irresponsible if we did not strongly endorse the action taken to ensure that workshop equipment is not misused and that it is operated in a safe manner for the benefit of all members and that maintenance and replacement costs is minimised.

May I also take the opportunity to remind all members that before using any equipment in the Workshop that all processed timber MUST be scanned by the metal detector to ensure that unseen foreign object/s are detected. This action in the first instance will prevent any potential harm to the operator and or his/her fellow members when using the equipment and secondly provide a safer workshop environment.

Hughie Gaynor, Vice President

Welfare

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

Woodworking Web site resources

www.rivergumtimbers.com.au

Rivergum Timbers Qld. Rare veneers and furniture timbers are handpicked especially for the making of hand crafted musical instruments, fine furniture, boat building, panelling and marquetry.

www.ubuildit.com.au NSW

They have a "You can make it" mail order catalogue and state they have the world's largest range of woodworking patterns.

www.rustins.com.au

Rustin's Australia Vic. for quality Wood Finishing Products for Woodturners, Woodcarvers, Woodworkers, Furniture Manufacturers & Antique Restorers.

www.tastimber.tas.gov.au/island-specialty

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	Ian Stewart	0431 173 689
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	Ray Norton	9763 5728
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
Thursday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

5 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
12 th August	8:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
19 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
26 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
2 nd September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
9 th September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
<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

Wed 2nd August
General Meeting at 7:30 pm

Wed 24th August
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Sat 12th August
WORKING BEE

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

Wed 6th September
General Meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Sunday 13th August
Casterton Town Hall Woodcraft Show, 10 am to 4 pm

Sat/Sun 19-20th August
Albury Wodonga Woodcrafters Scroll Saw Weekend, Wodonga

Fri/Sun 8-10th September

Phillip Island Turnaround
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
Screws (packet) \$2
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2

Life's Great!!

The following are supposedly actual letters that Abigail Vanburen (Dear Abby) received and admitted that she was at a loss to answer:

Dear Abby, A couple of women moved in across the hall from me. One is a middle-aged gym teacher, and the other is a social worker in her mid-twenties. These two women go everywhere together, and I've never seen a man go into their apartment or

come out. Do you think they could be Lebanese?

Dear Abby, I have a man I never could trust. He cheats so much I'm not even sure this baby I'm carrying is his.

Dear Abby, I suspected that my husband had been fooling around, and when I confronted him with the evidence he denied everything and said it would never happen again.

Dear Abby, Do you think it would be all right if I gave my doctor a little gift? I tried for years to get pregnant and couldn't, and he did it.

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.

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING