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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District  
Woodworkers Club*



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## Your Committee for 2006/7

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### Our President's March report

Our thanks to the 14 members who helped with the sale of raffle tickets outside Bunnings Scoresby on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> and Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> February. These were two extremely hot days of 38degrees C and our sales were down on last time, but we still raised \$198. Thank you Gentlemen for your dedication and participation. Well done.

By the time this Newsletter goes to press One of our Major Fund Raising Activities, The Knox Festival held on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> March, will be over and hopefully will have been another success. So I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you in anticipation to all those members who attended over the two days.

Our thanks to Frank O'Connor and Ian Stewart who volunteered and have done a great job, over the last few weeks, insulating and lining the walls of our Woodturning room, which will give more comfort to our members during the summers and winters of years to come. Thank you Gentlemen for a job well done.

Our thanks also to all those members who assisted with the unloading and moving of the Large Timber Rack and Kids Korner Shed, to make way for a new fence to be erected between us and the Electricity Sub Station next door, Again thank you Gentlemen.

Our Building Extension Negotiations are still continuing. We are still awaiting Planning and Building Permits from Council. We are also looking to hear from any members who are interested and have skills in fund raising, to assist us with obtaining any available grants we will need to finance our extensions. Your ideas and assistance will be appreciated.

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

Paddy Mc Cann  
President.

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### Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
2 Rocking Horses	Angliss Hospital	Completed
Large Turned Bowl	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	Completed
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	Completed
Clock	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	Completed
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continually in progress
Kid's Korner Kits	Various Kid's Korner functions	Continually in progress
Chairs, Stools and Aids	CPEC	When required
10 Possum Boxes	FTG Girl Guides	Completed
Outdoor setting	Upwey Primary	In planning

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for kids	School	
Playground	UFTG Primary	In progress
Equipment	School	

## Our Members' Welfare

We wish the following members a continuing speedy recovery from their various stages of illnesses and ailments.

- Robert Merrylees
- Paul Philips
- Paul Aminde
- Bill Longden
- Joe Semenow's wife
- John O'Rorke
- Rennie Van Aken

Our thoughts go to all other members not feeling their best but who wish to have their privacy respected:

Your Committee

## Trip to "Carrolls of Drysdale" 24 March 2007

Put your name on the notice board because as usual it is seating availability in order of applying and the list is filling fast!

Peter Sleeman has organised this great value coach trip for 2007 to allow more time to view the woodwork and woodturning supplies available at Carrolls.

Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are all included in the very reasonable cost of \$18 per person.

See the notice board for details and departure timing.

## 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 and get to know other members by name. All the new badges are in the rack.

Our new members are:

- Eddie Dix
- Alan Green
- Adrian Doyle
- Frank Johnson
- John Jackson
- Robert Gaze
- Michael Samai
- Lou Horgen
- John Thomas

## Want to receive your monthly newsletter in Colour?

Then send me your email address to [plucas@goconnect.net](mailto:plucas@goconnect.net) Before the meeting each month you will receive a personal email with your copy of the latest newsletter and no one else sees your email address.

Naturally, rest assured, I do not distribute your email address to anyone else and all emails are scanned by my antivirus protection before being sent to ensure you do not receive a virus.

Paul Lucas – Editor



## Larger projects by Club members

Have you a large project mainly constructed outside the Club you want other members to see?

Contact me, Paul Lucas, so I can put it in the newsletter. My contact details are on the front page, or leave details in my pigeon hole in the office.

Our project this month is from Rod Hall who designed and is building a cubby for his daughter Keirah. The cubby still needs two windows to be fitted, but is now otherwise complete. It was built on a very tight budget, with most of the timber being scrounged industrial rejects or re-sawn from salvaged pallets. Rod has a special thanks to Frank O'Connor for supplying some materials. This method makes the whole project cheap but as you can imagine, far



more complicated to build as he has had to compromise and adapt to fit the materials to hand. It is a tribute to his ingenuity and woodworking skills.

Photos by Rod Hall

Have you got a home project to "show and tell" about?

## Turners Talk



Frank Johnson is learning and improving his turning skills under the watchful eye of John Emptage at the ever popular Monday morning woodturning session. Why not join them or attend the Tuesday evening turning session with Frank O'Connor to work

with others and see what others are achieving.

## Around the Club

We tend to forget the mundane but very necessary regular work that has to be done around the Club. Here is Ray Norton out mowing the grass around the site.



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## The 2007 Knox Festival involved many hours of preparation over many months

Many hours of dedicated volunteer work by many members goes into preparing the 100's of Kids kits needed for this Festival and for our other children's activity sessions throughout the year.



Bob O'Dea is here concentrating on cutting the ends for the ever-popular cots.



Pat Jimenez is also accomplished at using the band saw to also cut out cot ends.



Our Vice President Hughie Gaynor and Peter Horsburgh are busy drilling and working on more parts for kits. Why not join this happy band of

workers at the weekly kit making sessions?

## The final outcome – The Knox Festival itself

Last Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March was the first day and despite the hot and humid weather 33 members enjoyed helping a whole range of kids have fun assembling a kit. The 3 cooks (chefs?) Hughie Gaynor, Paul Lucas and Ian Stanfield were kept busy preparing and serving a mountain of sausages, eggs, bacon, onion, cake, biscuits and gallons of coffee, tea and chilled water during the breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea to keep the workers happy. But to give an idea of how hot it was, the members consumed over 90 cans of chilled soft drink!!



This is what the hard work and preparation is all about – seeing kids of all ages hammering, gluing, and screwing kits, often with the patient assistance of their mum or dad. The best fun they seem to have is nailing, and the more noise the hammering makes from all the constructions' underway the more the

kids (both boys and girls) seem to like it!

A perfect example of this is the young girl in this photo who saw her older brother hammering, so she decided she wanted to hammer also. After we took the biro away from her that she was destroying by "nailing" it into the bench, she was quite happy to expertly hammer two nails into a sanding block we gave her.



Here is a lovely example of a mum holding the drill while her daughter screws on the end of a cot and Bruce Allen helps her other daughter insert a screw into the hole for her cot.



3 children from the one family are being helped by Dick Webb – well 2 are! The 3<sup>rd</sup>, the little boy, has got a hammer and is eagerly waiting

for something to "hammer".

Robert Gaze, a new member, is helping a girl construct a tool box, watched by her mum.

There will be more photos of the second day, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

March, in the next newsletter issue.



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## Advance notice for a new Treasurer for 2008

Frank O'Connor has done a marvellous job as our Treasurer for some time, but now has other increasing family commitments.

This means he will not be re-nominating for the position at the next AGM, later in the year.

As this is such an important position in the Club Frank is giving plenty of notice so another member can nominate at the AGM for 2008.

This position **must** be filled for the Club to operate successfully, so give it your serious consideration to take on the job and ask Frank any questions about the role and functions he has to perform.

## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday (the day session is for woodturning)</b>	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Ian Stewart	0431 173 689
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

10 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Dowds	9762 3323
17 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
24 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>CLOSED</b>		<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	

*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
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

## What's On, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

### Our Club Activities

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
General Meeting at 7:30 pm.  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
General meeting at 7:30 pm.  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**WORKING BEE**

### On Sale at the Club

Club Caps \$10  
Club polo shirts \$20  
Screws (packet) \$2  
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2  
**Woodturning supplies**  
Pen blanks - Brigalow, Jarrah, oak, and other timbers. From \$1  
Pen kits From \$3.50  
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2  
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.  
Many other items. See Ian Stewart or Frank O'Connor.

### For Sale

**Set of 5 Woodturning chisels**  
(Only sold as a set) \$100 VGC  
Elysha Neylan ph 9778 9313  
**A 6 station woodworking machine**, Zinken Compact 21, with surfacing and thickness

planer, saw, spindle molder, mortiser and tenoning saddle. 15 years old but meticulously maintained. \$2,500 ono  
Ring Mitch at Lara on 03 5282 1695 or 0409 821 695  
**Woodworking lathe** – 1.5m bed, with stand and 8 chisels. \$500  
Ring Erica, in Scoresby on 0427 368 530

### Life's Great!!

**My Granddad's wisdom:**  
--Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.  
--Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.  
-Too many couples, today, marry for better, or for worse; but not for good.  
--When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.  
--If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.  
--On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past - but never the present.

--It is a foolish husband who says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin' and scrubbin'".  
No wife of mine is gonna "work"!  
--Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.  
--You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up or leaks.  
--Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

**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**