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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Your Committee for 2006/7

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Our President's April report

The Knox Festival on Sat. 3rd and Sun. 4th March saw us with a busy start to the month, my thanks to the 33 members on the Sat. and 29 members on the Sun. who assisted in the running of our stall. The weather was mixed, hot and wet one day and warm and fine the next. We were not as busy as other years but we still had a successful and fruitful two days, raising about \$2500.

Our Building Extensions Negotiations are still continuing. We are awaiting Planning and Building Permits from Knox Council. I wish to thank Bill Orpen for all the work that he has put in while we are waiting for these permits. Bill has been able to secure a Building Contractor for our Project and has been doing all the legwork in obtaining quotes etc. He has also been having necessary discussions with the Council Building Department. Thank you Bill for your involvement and expertise, it takes a load off our shoulders.

We have a number of Kids Korner Activities coming up over the school holidays at Knox Library, Croydon Library and Rowville Community Centre. We are still in need of volunteers, so if you are available and would like to be involved, please put your name on the Whiteboard at the club.

I would like to thank Peter Sleeman for organising the Coach Trip to Drysdale last Saturday 24th March 2007. We had a full coach of 53 members and friends and we visited Carroll's Woodcraft and Woodturning Supplies at Drysdale. I would also like to thank Irene and Jim Carroll for their hospitality and use of their home during our visit. Irene and Jim treated us to Morning Tea on arrival and a

lovely BBQ lunch with sweets and coffee which was appreciated and enjoyed by all. Our sincere thanks to Irene and Jim. We then travelled on to Queenscliff where we caught the Ferry to Sorrento for the return journey. Thank you Peter for another great outing. Thanks also to Eddie our Coach Captain for an interesting day and a safe journey.

Late last week we received notification from Jason Wood MP Federal Member for La Trobe, regarding our success in being granted a Federal Government Grant of \$3000.80 to purchase a Spindle Moulder Machine which we had made application some months ago. Our thanks to Jason for his assistance with our application.

Our thanks also to Knox City Council for a donation of \$1100 received on behalf of all the Ward Councillors in response to our making application to Council for assistance.

We still have a lot of work ahead of us with the necessity of raising funds to support our Proposed Building Extensions Fund. We still need volunteers to assist with this work. Please think about where and/or how you could assist and contact me or a Committee Member.

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

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the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle 2007	In planning
Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle 2007	In planning
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
Outdoor setting for kids	Upwey Primary School	In planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In progress

Our Members' Welfare

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

- Robert Merrylees
- Joe Semenow's wife, Mary Rennie Van Aken

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

Your Committee

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: Fred Morgan
Vito Volpe
Peter Strunz

Don't forget there is a "Medical Record Card" supplied by the Royal Flying Doctor Service at the rear of your name badge. If you have a medical condition, you may wish to fill in any relevant details in case of an emergency while you are at the Club, as it can provide valuable information for possible treatment and emergency contact details etc. New cards are always available if your situation changes.

Paul Lucas

Want to receive your monthly newsletter in Colour?

Then send me your email address to plucas@goconnect.net No one else sees your email address and I do not distribute your email address to anyone else and all my emails are scanned by my antivirus protection. Paul Lucas – Editor

Larger projects by Club members

Have you got a large home project to "show and tell" to other members? Contact me so I can put it in your newsletter.

Paul Lucas

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter
as a Community Service**

Turners Talk



Adrian Doyle is proudly putting the final polishing touches to a lovely bowl he has just turned at the Monday morning woodturning session. Why not join them or attend the Tuesday evening turning session to work with others and see what others are achieving. With the turning shed now lined it looks more like a "room" than a shed.

It is good to see Frank O'Connor finally getting to do some woodturning projects for himself. There is always the danger that when you get involved in Club activities helping others you seldom get time to devote to your own interests. Frank is fully fitted with safety helmet to protect himself. Good on you Frank!!



The Sunday at the 2007 Knox Festival

Nick Wakeling MP – the Member for Ferntree Gully and



his son, Jason, were most impressed with our stall at the Festival (when his son made a toy as in the photo). He

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felt we were providing a great service to the children and so he kindly offered to print our newsletter for us each month at his Electoral Office. This will be of great benefit to our Club and allow us to do even more community projects. Thank you Nick (and Shane Smith his Electorate advisor who helped set up the details).

Gerry Daelmans (and Willy Schlaf, who is not in the photo) always get people watching them work at their carving.



Everyone is always amazed at the intricate work they complete and the standard of their carving as can be seen by the man looking at the detail of Gerry's flowers.



This photo again shows what our Kids Korner is all about. Dad is getting as much fun (if not more) than

his son in constructing a toy with him and showing him the fundamentals of working with wood.



Everyone likes watching the shavings fly as an experienced woodturner like Peter Jordan creates a bowl, or whatever.



Here are some of the well-known dedicated members who spend a large number of hours helping out at the two Festivals each year taking a well earned rest during one of the quiet periods.

The Day trip to Carroll's at Drysdale

What a marvellous day we all had!!

The bus trip down was very pleasant and very quick considering it was the Air Show at Avalon.

Functions like this give members and their partners a chance to socialise as



seen in the photo. The day was perfect with actual rain

periods – remember what rain is? However, the rain came and went just at the right times so it did not interfere with our activities.

I think everyone bought something from the very extensive range of items Carroll's stock and some of us went back into the shop several times to look for things we did not see the first time through!



A surprise for many on the trip was that we came back via Sorrento on the ferry to avoid the traffic from Avalon. Thanks to Peter Sleeman for organising another really beautiful day trip that we all enjoyed.

Advance notice for a new Treasurer for 2008

Please give serious consideration to nominating for the Treasurer's position for 2008 at the AGM later in the year, as Frank O'Connor will definitely not re-nominate.

This position **must** be filled for the Club to operate successfully, so ask Frank any questions about the role and functions he has to perform.

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Weekday Workshop Hours and the Keyholder

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

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

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 4th April
General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday 14th April
WORKING BEE
Wednesday 18th April
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Wednesday 2nd May
General meeting at 7:30 pm.

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.

Life's Great!!

Life in the 1500's...!
Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, if they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of

flowers to hide the body odour.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

The floor in cottages was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt.

Hence the saying "dirt poor."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leak onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so **for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.**

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This was a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. A bed with 4 big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection.

That's how canopy beds came into existence.

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**