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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President's June report

It is hard to believe that another month has gone and we are now into the month of June, but the good news is that over the last two weeks we have finally received our planning permit and building permit from KCC for our clubroom extensions. Believe it or not the Sub Committee first started talking with Council almost two years ago in July 2005, and I thank Hughie Gaynor, Frank O'Connor and Max Holt for their input over this period.

Our commitment still continues with the seeking of funds to carry out our planned extension. We have already made applications to the KCC Recreation Minor Capital Works Grant for \$10,000. We are also working with Melbourne East Area Consultative Committee (MEACC) a government body set up to assist community groups like ours to apply for Federal Government grants. Through them we are planning to make applications for a Regional Partnership Grant from the Federal Government. Another grant we will apply for is from the Community Development Fund through KCC. These applications take a lot of time and effort and I would like to thank everyone involved with putting our applications together, especially Hughie Gaynor for his support with the enormous amount of paperwork required.

Our thanks to Jason Wood MP for his help with our Equipment Grant of \$3,000.80 from the Federal Government. We received the cheque last week and have placed our order for the Spindle Moulder which should be delivered in the next week. Once we have installed it, we would like to invite Jason along to the club to thank him personally.

I would like to remind you again about our Annual "Be In It" Competition and Open Day which will be held on Sunday 19th August, 2007. This leaves you only two months to complete your entries for this important day. So I ask every member to enter into the spirit of the day and get your entries in, bring along your families and friends to make this Club Showcase Day a success. Further details will be available closer to the day.

I remind you also that we are seeking volunteers for 4 Kids Korner Workshops coming up during the July school holidays. Please put your names on the appropriate list on the whiteboard at the club. Your help is really needed and appreciated.

Our toy count now stands at 15 a long way from 400 or 600. So if you have your toy finished part way through or have not started yet, I urge you to think of the Disadvantaged Kids at Christmas and support our appeal. You have only 5 months to complete your donations.

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

The sad passing of Ivor Simpson

We offer our sympathies to Ivor's wife and family for his recent passing. He was an active past member of the Club and will be remembered by all but the most recent members.

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

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Large Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
Clock	Stringybark Festival	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 Korner Kits	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
10 Chairs	CPEC	In Progress
10 Adjustable Stools	CPEC	In Progress (4 supplied)

Our Members' Welfare

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

- Peter Sleeman
- Doug Dell
- Paul Aminde
- John Di Donna
- Nancy Stephens

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

Turners talk



Lindsay Rotherham is justly proud of his latest off-centre turned sugar gum piece that also incorporated some deft carving to produce a unique and highly original artistic feature to decorate a table or mantelpiece.



Peter Cox is seen here putting the finishing touches to a beautiful 360mm diameter red gum bowl that has a lovely grain that adds character to the finished product.

Join the Woodturners on Monday morning and Tuesday evenings.

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I do not distribute your email address to anyone else and all my emails are scanned for viruses. Paul Lucas – Editor

Your Newsletter Editor on holidays

I will be overseas on our usual world jaunt from 5th June until late in August so I will be having a spell from producing the July and August newsletters issues, but will be back in action for the September issue! Paul Lucas

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: Alex Linossier
Beryl Hicks
Fred Sutton
Des Smith

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The Club Workshop is now closed on Wednesday nights

Due to very low, and sometimes nil, attendance of members to use the facilities on Wednesday evenings(outside the

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monthly meeting Wednesday) the committee has decided to close the workshop on that evening from now. The committee will review this decision in late 2007 based on member feedback, to see whether it should be reversed in 2008.

This decision is certainly a relief for Frank O'Connor, the Wednesday evening keyholder, as he has taken time to get to and from the Club then often sat around with nothing to do as he cannot even work on his own projects, to fill in time, as our rules prohibit anyone working on machinery alone in the workshop.

REMEMBER THE
“WORKING BEE”
SATURDAY 9th JUNE

Nick Wakeling MP
Member for Ferntree Gully
will be visiting to see our facilities and meet the committee and members.

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Around the Club



With us running out of storage place for many items like Christmas toys etc, people have increasingly looked at using the space above the rafters in the Clubroom workshop but it has been difficult to reach and use efficiently.



That was until recently, when Peter Horsburgh came up with the simple but brilliant idea of installing a retractable attic ladder to access the ceiling area safely.

This was enthusiastically endorsed by the committee and it is now installed and the photo shows Peter being the first to try it out and give his stamp of approval under the watchful eye of Paddy Mc Cann.

Naturally, the roof structure has been evaluated to ensure it is adequately reinforced to take the extra weight anticipated to be stored!!



Ray Norton is pictured testing out the softness of a double bunk bed he designed and just finished for his 4 year old granddaughter. The timbers he used are ash and blackwood.

Larger projects by Club members



I, Paul Lucas, built this train bed 30 years ago for our son David and it sat under the house (and moved houses) until this month, when I finished reconditioning it and repainting it for David's first son Simcha.

Have you got a large home project to “show-and-tell”?

Contact me with details:

Paul Lucas

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	Laurie Ham	9720 1995
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
		Evening	CLOSED (refer to newsletter)	
Thursday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

2 nd June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
9 th June	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
16 th June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
23 rd June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
30 th June	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 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
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

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

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 6th June
General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday 9th June
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Wednesday 20th June
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Wednesday 4th July
General meeting at 7:30 pm.
Sunday 19th August
The Club "Be In It" Competition.

In the Woodies World

15-17th June Woodturning Exhibition at Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Rd Nunawading.

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps \$12
Club polo shirts \$22
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!!

An old man in Miami calls his son in Toronto and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 35 years of misery is enough."
"Pop, what are you talking about?!" the son screams.
"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of even talking about this, so you call your sister in Montreal and tell her." Then he hangs up.
Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.
"Like hell they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Miami immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?"
The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife and says "Okay, They're coming for

Christmas AND they're paying their own fares."

Smart words

Hard work never killed anybody, but why take the chance?
Money isn't everything, but it certainly keeps you in touch with your kids.
Going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking", but then the thought occurs - what the hell good would that do?
The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat. Of all the things we lose, we miss our minds the most.
Money is better than poverty; if only for financial reasons.
Teamwork is good – it shares the blame.

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear and 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