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Woodworkers Club*



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Your Committee for 2006/7

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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, September report

I wish to report that we have lodged our Application with The Federal Government, Regional Partnerships Grant through the Programme Manager, Regional Programmes Division, Department of Transport and Regional Services, on Wednesday 1st August. After a four hour meeting and discussion with The Melbourne East Area Consultative Committee representatives (M.E.A.C.C.) on the 1st August, Hughie Gaynor and I compiled and completed all the relative information and back up documentation required for our application, for a \$ 65,700 Grant. Now we have a waiting period of up to 22 weeks before we find out if we have been successful. Hopefully with the assistance of Jason Wood M.P. for Latrobe we may obtain an earlier resolution. We have already had notification from Jason informing us that he had written to the Minister the Honourable Mark Vaile M.P. informing him of his support of our application. Our thanks to Jason for his support. We also thank Hughie Gaynor for his work, dedication and encouragement in getting our application lodged by 1st August.

Our 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day held on Sunday 19th August was again a successful function. Although the number of entrants and entries were down on last year, (2006-38 entrants with 104 entries, attendance 110) (2007 - 22 entrants with 78 entries, attendance 95.) - for those who attended and those who entered the competition it was a very enjoyable day. Our thanks to all entrants for their support, for although the quantity of entries was down the quality, variety and originality was there. Our thanks to our judges Cr. Karin Orpen, Cliff

Walsh and Vic Oberg. We thank you for your time, expertise and critique. We hope you enjoyed the Day. I must say a special thanks to Cr. Orpen who saved the day with her computer skills and enabled us to present our winners with their well earned Award Certificates, after we were unable to get our computer programme to print the Certificates. Thank you Karin. Our thanks also to all those members who helped with the set up and organisation on the day. I especially thank Peter Horsburgh for organising and co-ordinating the wonderful afternoon tea which was enjoyed by all.

I would remind all members that your 2007 / 2008 Membership Fees are due on 1st September and to be able to vote at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd October for the Election of Officers you must be a paid up financial member. If you would like to have more say in the running of your Club, I encourage you to nominate for one of the positions on the Executive Committee which will be vacated for election at the A.G.M. Nomination forms will be available from the office.

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

"If you can't find the time to do it properly, how will you find the time to fix it?" Gord in Newmarket ON USA

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)

Vital Member Update: On good authority from Joe Semenow, “Rocking Horse Production Will Not Be Affected by Equine Influenza!!”

As we emerge from the recent “Be In It” competition, it was very inspiring to notice the impressive display of 9 rocking horses at the clubrooms, three of which were produced by the Friday night rocking horse group for raffling by the club. (The photo of these horses at the “Be In It” competition in August was supplied by Joe)



The rocking horse group had an embryonic start in 1991 under the leadership of Alf Stephens, who carved a Bolted Bow Rocker (a toe cruncher that provided a number of learnings as all pioneering projects do). In the following

year a new model was introduced and it remains the basis of the current rocking horses.

Since this period of time some 50+ horses have been hand carved and crafted by the group to be raffled for various fund raising and community projects. More than double this number have also been produced by club members privately (I feel tired just thinking about the collective effort involved). The club horses were raffled by the club at community festivals and donated to causes that the club deemed worthy such as the Angliss Hospital, “Victims of Crime” and Tyler Fishlock – the delightful little “celebrity” boy who lost his sight due to cancer.

We are proud of our extensive networking with other clubs in Victoria as we continue to share our skills and experience. Some five years ago our group welcomed 6 members of the Waverley club, helping them carve their horses with dedication and passion. We were heartened that they took their skills back to their Waverley club where they put them into practice and the club’s rocking horse crafting is thriving. The passion for rocking horse crafting has also spread to the Berwick and Eltham clubs, plus a new club forming down Geelong way is apparently progressing well.

The wood hand carving skill is slowly giving way to modern technology (alright, alright....very quickly I must admit) so the club is proud to be able to preserve this skill and pass it on to future generations. There is no better way to continue this tradition than in the construction of a beautiful heirloom rocking horse (that doesn’t need feeding, power or any megabyte upgrades.....and certainly won’t catch Equine Flu!!!!).

The rocking horse team are proud of their sustained contribution made to the community over the last 15 years and we look forward to continuing that contribution into the future. We are also keen to attract more club members who have an interest in crafting a rocking horse!

Joseph Semenow

Our Members’ Welfare

We wish both our well known members Peter Sleeman and Joe Semenow a continuing speedy recovery from their various stages of illnesses and ailments. Both are traditional active stalwarts in contributing to the vibrant life and efficient running of the Club.

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

Your Committee

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Not getting your monthly newsletter in Colour via email?

Perhaps you have changed your email address. Send your email address to me at 64plucas64@goconnect.net
I do not distribute your email address. Paul Lucas – Editor

Larger projects by Club members

Come on!! – there are many of you working on projects at home as they are too large to bring to the Club.
How about contacting me, so I can include an article on them in the newsletter for all other members to see.
You will get sick of just seeing my projects!
While in Indiana USA recently for 4 weeks with our eldest son and his family, on his 16 acre farm, we built the following children's playground tower in the back yard.
Items included in the tower structure are 4 various swings, a slide, a pirates rope, a rope ladder and monkey bars.



It was constructed from the raw pieces of timber that had to be bought and hauled on the tandem trailer from the nearest town (the longest piece for the swing set was 16 feet long). We then cut and carried the lengths down into the rear yard on the tractor, along with all the tools etc, each day as we could not leave tools out overnight due to rain and heavy dew.

We were told it should take 2 people about 14 hours to construct – guess what, it took a **lot** longer!
As usual after completing it we said, “If we built another, it would take half the time!!”
I again implore you to contact me about projects you want to tell other members about!!

Your “Medical Record Card”

Don't forget you have the above card behind your name tag on your Club badge. Putting some relevant details on this card may be of immense help for you in an unlikely emergency.

For instance:

- allergic to certain medications?
- certain health issues an emergency first aid person should be aware of?
- family or partner etc person to contact?

Additional cards are available from me if required.

Paul Lucas

Fascinating projects in wood!

Here is another of the photos submitted by Julie O'Connor (Frank's wife) from a group of articles an incredible woodworker has made. An incredible room setting in wood.



Around the Club

Our new spindle moulding machine is a truly professional unit that will certainly save time and effort on repetitive jobs such as for toy production – once a number of people know how to safely use it!! Obviously the use will be strictly controlled to only allow trained members to be supervising its use. This will protect both our members from injury – and the machine from damage!



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Our Annual General Meeting is at the October meeting

“What you can do for your Club?”

The Club needs new committee members.
How about being nominating for 2008

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 Hours and Events and the Key Holder

8 th September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
15 th September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
22 nd September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
29 th September	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
6 th October	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 5th September
General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Wednesday 19th September
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Wednesday 3rd October
General meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday 13th October
WORKING BEE
Sat/Sun 20th -21st October
STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL

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.

For Sale

AIR FILTRATION SYSTEM, new, remote controlled. Wall or ceiling mounted. Unit approx. 30" x 24" x 12", single phase power, 240volt, 1/5hp. Extracts harmful fine wood dust, fibreglass dust, concrete or any other airborne dust in the workshop. 98% removal of 5 micron & 85% of 1 micron particles in less than 5 mins over area 20' x 20' x 8'. Outer & inner filters easy to change- just slide out. (Spare charcoal & inner filter available).
Price new \$450, sell \$360 ONO.
Phone 9762 1063.

Life's Great!!

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice -- picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, and look it over as he hadn't been there for a while. He

grabbed a five gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked." Holding the bucket up he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator"

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