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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, November report

As we start a new Fiscal Year with our newly elected Committee for 2007/2008, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Treasurer Frank O'Connor and Secretary Ladislav Toman for their support and dedication during their terms in office and welcome them as committee members to the new committee. I would like to welcome our New Treasurer John Jackson and Secretary Eric Butterworth also new Committee Members John Emptage and Bill Ireland also Peter Horsburgh, Ray Norton, Paul Lucas and John O'Rorke who have all served on committee for a number of years.

My thanks to Councillor Karin Orpen for conducting the Elections at the Annual General Meeting.
We also appreciated the attendance of Nick Wakeling M.P. at the A.G.M. and his support with the printing of our monthly Newsletter.

Our congratulations to Ray Norton on being awarded The Bill Gillingham Award for the Best Club Member of the Year 2006/2007.

I was greatly humbled and proud to accept the Honour of Life Membership and wish to thank everyone for their confidence and good wishes.

On Sat. 20th and Sun. 21st October we had another successful Stringybark Festival Activity with the support of 34 members on Sat. and 24 members on Sun. The weather was kind to us and we raised \$3200 to help us keep our annual fees to a reasonable rate. My thanks to all the members for their support on one or both days. As usual the

same 10 to 15 faces were obvious on both days - your dedication is appreciated and noted. I would ask those members who were unable to attend and support us to take notice that our next major fund raising activity will be the **Knox Festival on Sat. 1st and Sun. 2nd March 2008**. So please mark it in your diary and make yourself available. Thank you in anticipation.

At our monthly meeting on Wed. 7th November we will have our **Annual Presentation of Toys for Disadvantaged Children** to the Knox Mayoral Christmas Appeal and the St. Vincent De Paul Society. We will also be presenting a Rocking Horse to the Angliss Hospital and a Grand Daughter Clock to the Crime Victims Association. We look forward to a full attendance on the evening to welcome our guests.

We look forward to our **Christmas Break Up and Carols by Candlelight Function** on Sat. 1st December from 5pm. Last year we had 130 members, families and friends attend and enjoy. So I suggest you book your tickets as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting and talking to you around the Club. You are most welcome to come along and enjoy the aforementioned meetings and functions, and your support is appreciated.
Paddy Mc Cann

**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
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner functions	Continuous
Adjustable Stools	CPEC	Progressing
Outdoor Setting for Kids	Upwey Primary School	In Planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress

REMINDER
Club closes for the Christmas /New Year Holidays
 Close on Friday night 14th December 2007
 Reopen on Monday 14th January 2008.

Our Members' Welfare

Our members Peter Sleeman, Fred Moore, Doug Dell, Karen Button and Paul Phillip's wife Pat all have our wishes in recovering speedily.

It is with regret that we advise the passing of Brian Ingham on the 12th October. He was liked by everyone who knew him and he was always ready for a chat. Having recently got too ill to continue woodworking he had donated to the Club the rocking horse he was in the process of making - so our members have decided to complete the work.

Rocking Horse Ramblings

Alexander Linossier has enthusiastically and proudly



written about his "Rocking Horse Project", and provided the 2 photos.

He wrote "This year I completed the Design and Technology Units 3&4

course as one of my subjects. This course involves designing and building a project, often a piece of furniture. I had seen projects from previous years, and wanted to do something different. After a visit to the annual Woodworking show at Jeff's Shed, I decided to build a rocking horse. This led me to do some research on local woodworking clubs, and eventually



to The Knox Woodworkers Club. I called Joe Semenow and arranged to meet him that Friday night. Since then, Joe helped me to construct and carve a beautiful horse, which would have been

impossible without him.

The Design Tech course is based around the client-designer relationship, and every person doing the course is building the project for their client, who they have to frequently interview, so as to establish a design brief, which outlines the client's needs and wants. Research is then conducted into materials, processes, similar products, etc. Design Options are then sketched, and the project is built.

In order to introduce design into my project, I designed a 'clip-clopper' to attach to the stand which makes the sound of a horse running, using the motion of the horse as its source of power. (The 2 halves of the coconut shells are seen in the second photo)

This project would have undoubtedly failed very quickly without the hours of help from Joe and the members of the Friday night gang at the Club. I would like to publicly express my gratitude and thanks once again for their tireless efforts, as well as for making me feel welcome whenever I came to the Club."

Alexander is seen riding his completed horse 'Charli' in the first photo.

(PS. Alexander did not announce, due to modesty, that he has been told privately by his instructors that he will achieve a 100% mark for his horse project – well done Alexander!! Remember the old radio days and Monty Python TVshows where they used to bang the halves of coconut shells together to make the clopping sound of horse steps? The Editor.)

Sausage Sizzle and Auction at Wednesday 5th December meeting

The Sausage Sizzle is from 6.30pm
 Come along and enjoy a fun night.
 Any items you wish to donate for the Auction starting 7:30 pm will be much appreciated.
 One man's trash is another man's treasure, so donate your un-wanted items in the days before the meeting.

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Christmas Breakup Party

Don't miss it!!

Come along with family and friends and enjoy the fun occasion that has always been a highlight of our year's functions.

BYO table & chairs and drinks.

Arrive from 5 pm for dinner after 6 pm.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$5 for Children under 12 years.

The final date for booking and payment for tickets is Monday 26th November.

Tickets are available at the Clubrooms.

Many people finish this successful evening by going on to the **Carols by Candlelight** on the Knox Oval next door.

The Stringybark Festival

Well, did you participate in helping at the Festival? If you didn't then you missed out on a couple of fun days!! It was not hard work and our members got as much pleasure out of it, if not more, than the children and their parents when they constructed their toys.



The first most important decision for each child was what Toy do I choose?

As you can see our latest Life Member, our President Paddy Mc Cann, and Paul Aminde

were only too pleased to help each child get their choice and move on to the work bench to begin construction as quickly as possible.



It is amazing how children (both boys and girls equally as can be seen in the photos)

love to hammer nails into wood.

(I still believe we could just sell a small pack of nails and 2 or 3 small pieces of wood and the kids would get as much fun just gluing them together and hammering in some nails, for the sheer pleasure of it!!)



Many proud parents take the opportunity to help their children with the project.

Of course, as with an army, the Club members work up an appetite and a thirst so an important task is the almost constant supply of breakfasts, morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas and drinks.

Our Chef and Cook, Hughie Gaynor and Paul Lucas (you can work out which is which!) are always happy in their work as seen in the



photo. This year they added flair to their serving offerings with pancakes and cake displayed as seen below.



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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 Hours and Events and the Key Holder

10 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
17 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
24 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
1 st December	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
8 th December	9:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
15 th December	-	-	CLOSED UNTIL 14th JANUARY	
19 th January 2008	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
26 th January 2008			CLOSED for AUSTRALIA DAY	

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 7th November

Toys to Charities at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday 21st November

Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Saturday 1st December

Christmas BBQ Party at the Club from 5:00 pm for 6:00 pm

Wednesday 5th December

General meeting and Auction at 7:30 pm.

Sausage sizzle at 6:30 pm.

Saturday 8th December

WORKING BEE

Closed for New Year Break

Finish on Friday night 14th December, Reopening Monday 14th January

In the Woodies World

Latrobe Valley Woodworkers
Intra Club Day Sat 17th Nov.

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.

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Some of Life's Questions

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there are not enough funds?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on larger suitcases?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up, like, every two hours?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things down on the ground?