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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, February report

Welcome back to our first meeting of 2008. I hope that you all had a very pleasant Christmas and a great New Year and are well rested, looking forward to another busy year.

We have already had our first Kids Korner Workshop at Ringwood Library on Wed 23rd January with 61 children participating. Our thanks to Peter Horsburgh and the other eight members, who assisted on the day, raising \$305 for the Club,

Our first Working Bee for 2008 will be on Sat, 9th February from 8am. We would appreciate as many members as possible to assist with a general clean up and the loading of a 6mt skip with accumulated rubbish.

We are also looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Bunning's on Sat/Sun 16th/17th or 23rd/24th February. Please put your name on the Whiteboard List if you are able to help. It will be an easy job in 2hr sessions if we have enough volunteers.

Our first Major Fund Raising Event for 2008, the Knox Festival will be held on Sat/Sun 1st/2nd March. All members are expected to volunteer for all or part of these two days. This is a major opportunity to support the public face of your club and to raise funds to keep our club membership fees to a minimum, Please put your name on the Whiteboard List at the Club confirming your participation.

Wondering about our Planned Building Extensions? Well, we made our application for the Federal Government

Regional Partnership Grant of \$64,000 on 1st August 2007. The Federal Election in November 2007 with a change of Government resulted in the delaying of any decision. I have contacted MEACC and our Federal Member for LaTrobe Jason Wood MP and been informed that our Application is in the system and by law we must be notified at some time whether we have been successful or not. We cannot find out when we can expect an answer, so the Committee has decided to wait until after Easter and if still no answer, we will look at what alternative avenues are open to us. We will keep you informed of any developments one way or the other.

We have recently had a number of new members join which is a very good sign of our viability as a Club. Welcome to all these new members to our Club and hope that we can help you to become involved in our activities and to enjoy your time at the Club. Don't be afraid to ask for any help or information from any members and you will be surprised how quickly you will fit in. Remember that as with all organisations 'You will only get out of it what you put in'.

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

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter
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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

SHEPPARTON WOODWORK & FURNITURE SHOW

Saturday 8th March

Departs Club car park at 8 am sharp.
A great day for \$22 per person which includes the coach trip and morning tea.
A few seats still available, but hurry, and get your name on the notice board.
Payment due by Thursday 28th Feb.

Rocking Horse Ramblings



Chris Gerritzen is rightly proud of his success at the Lilydale Annual Spring Show in late 2007. He scooped the pool with many awards as can be

seen by all the sashes, medals and award card he won for his beautiful rich-black rocking horse. Well done Chris!

John Di Donna has been busy this year producing TWO rocking horses and here he is with one of them that has



been packed and sent to his grandsons Henry and Arthur living in Perth! They will certainly get some fun out of it. The second horse is now complete and he kindly gave it to the children in the house next door in Bayswater. What's the next project John?

Photograph by Thelma Di Donna



I visited the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show in 2007 and one of the Stands there in the giant exhibition-tents displayed the rocking horse art of one of Britain's master producers of



rocking horses. All the horses were the same size and style as the ones we build – except they did not have the leg muscles as our newer design has. I was particularly impressed with this "Zebra" horse complete with zebra mane and beautiful realistic markings. All the

horses were well over £1,000 (A\$2,500)!!

It just shows what having a "name" means in a large population country when you set your prices!!

Your Editor - Paul Lucas

Our Members' Welfare

Our members Peter Sleeman, Colin Stewart, Doug Dell, George Dzioba and Geoff Wheeler all have our wishes in recovering speedily from various stages of illnesses.

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Well, this is the first issue of your Newsletter for 2008 !!

What would you like to see changed?

I am open to suggestions on what we can do to improve the content each month.

If you have interesting items or photos please feel free to submit them to me.

Just keep in mind the newsletter is only 4 pages!!

Give me (Paul Lucas) feedback by:

-Placing a note in my pigeon hole in the office

-Ring me on 9790 5659

-Email me on 64plucas64@goconnect.net

-you do even not have to identify yourself if you have constructive criticisms.

A Database for Guest Speakers for Woodwork Clubs around Australia

I am in many organisations and a common topic of conversation and irritation is the difficulty in knowing about the range of guest speakers available for Club meetings.

Woodwork Clubs are no exception.

I have decided to establish a database which will be by State which can be accessed by any Club to help them find guest speakers if they need them.

It will overcome privacy issues by the information being supplied by the speakers themselves for me to load to the data base.

This message is not only for our own members to know what we are doing and to input any information they have over time BUT is mainly to give advance information to other Clubs throughout Australia of our intention.

Our monthly newsletter goes to dozens of other Clubs throughout the country. Your Editor - Paul Lucas

Around the Club

Peter Horsburgh has been busy as usual in thinking how we



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can improve the air quality in the Club buildings – particularly the dust extraction and sanding unit shed. He has organised the installation of natural air-flow extractor vents in the roof to help reduce the airborne dust issue in the buildings. I believe the man installing the units could not have picked a worse day for high temperature when installing them, but fortunately this did not stop him from doing a good job.

Thanks for coordinating this effort Peter!

You can't keep a good man down!!

Max Holt has been one of the main persons responsible for



producing the large number of the special chairs needed by the handicapped children at CPEC. He "resigned" from the position last year but here he is back at work!

He is pictured giving a final inspection to 10 of the latest batch of 30 he has made. They are all stored in the ceiling space until requested by CPEC.

People like Max are very selfless in donating their time and energy to a very worthy cause. Keep it up Max – but Max would love for someone else to take on the task. Have a talk to him!!

The dedicated few have been as active as ever in servicing outside organisations in the later part of 2007.

These activities not only promote our image in the community but often result in a financial benefit that adds to the Clubs Building Fund and general finances etc.

We have received "Certificates of Appreciation" from:

- Livingston Primary School
- Knox City Council
- Crime Victims Support Association Inc
- Children and Staff of Mt Dandenong Primary School

A thank-you letter from the Angliss Hospital.

We are grateful to a member (who does not want to be identified) for donating a Karcher vacuum cleaner to the Club

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Weekly 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
Thursday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

9 th February	8:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
16 th February	9:30 am	12:00 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
23 rd February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
1 st March			KNOX FESTIVAL	
8 th March	9:30 am	12:30 pm		

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 February
Monthly General Meeting
at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday 20th February
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 5th March
Monthly General Meeting
at 7:30 pm.

Saturday 9th February

WORKING BEE

Sat/Sun 1st/2nd March Knox
Festival and Kids Korner etc

In the Woodies World

Manningham Club has arranged for **Jim Carroll**, with his Mobile Shop, to be at cnr. Anderson & Parker Sts, Templestowe (Melway 33E4) 10am-2.30pm Sun 24th Feb. If you wish to order something specific for him to bring, ph Jim on 5251 3874.

\$1 charge covers the cost of a cup of tea.

Further enquiries from Charlie Chamberlain AH 9728 2179.

12th/13th April Ballarat
Woodworkers Guild Expo at Wendourie

3rd/4th May Albury-Wodonga
Woodcrafting Show
24th-26th October Melbourne
Timber & Working with Wood
Show at the Melbourne Showgrounds

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 \$4
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.

A True Story!!

Now, you know it was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon ready for firing. They had to be on the decks of war ships. How to prevent them from rolling about the deck was a big problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen - thus, a

supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others as the deck rolled. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, that they named a "Monkey". But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls quickly rusted to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys".

Few landlubbers realized that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey"!!

And all this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?