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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District  
Woodworkers Club*



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### Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, March report

We have had a very busy February and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 16 members who volunteered for the sale of raffle tickets at Bunnings Scoresby on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> February. Our sales were down on last year but we still raised \$249.

By the time you read this report we will already have had our Workshop and Demonstrations at Knox Festival on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> and Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> March. To all those members involved in the organising of the various activities i.e. Kids Korner Workshop, Woodturning and Carving Demonstrations, Sales of Raffle Tickets and Craft Items etc., and Hughie Gaynor and Paul Lucas who will have organised the feeding of the 50+ volunteer members over the two days. Our thanks in anticipation to all those who will be involved, as this is one of our Major Annual Fund Raising Activities.

We are looking forward to our coach trip to the Shepparton Woodwork and Furniture Show on Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> March leaving the Clubrooms at 8am. Our thanks to Paul Lucas for organising the trip and to John Jackson for coordinating the collection of money.

During the month we received four donations of valuable timbers which will be a very useful bonus to members, especially Wood turners, Carvers, and Furniture Makers. Our thanks to Maton Guitars, Wilma Van Aiken ( Rennie's Wife ), Reggie Mc Ildoon (personal friend of mine) and Balmoral Retirement Village Group for their much appreciated donations.

Last week we supplied another 8 special chairs for Cerebral Palsy Children. Our thanks to Max Holt for his dedication and skills in making these aids for the children on our behalf. Thank you Max!

We still have had no correspondence from the Federal Government regarding our Application for the Regional Partnership Grant for our Building Extension. So we are sticking with our decision to wait until after Easter before we look at the alternative avenues open to us. We will keep you informed on any developments one way or the other.

Our next planned Working Bee will be on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8am. Please mark this date in your diary as we will need as many volunteers as possible. Don't leave all the work to the usual few members. Many hands make light work.

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

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

### Don't forget we now have a "Suggestion Box"

It is located near the sign-in book. Please make use of it for any suggestions that will help the Club and/or members.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Don't forget, the coach departs the Club car park at 8 am.

We will be stopping for morning tea / rest stop on the way.

We will also have a rest stop on the homeward journey.

There are a couple of seats left if you hurry.

### Rocking Horse Ramblings

Joe Semenow is absolutely delighted at the continuing enthusiasm of the Friday night rocking horse group. There are new members as well as the longer term enthusiasts and there are about 12 horses "on the go".

### Our Members' Welfare

Our members Peter Sleeman, Doug Dell, George Dzioba, Karen Button, Joseph Lovasz, Jim Loblely and Geoff Wheeler all have our wishes in recovering speedily from various stages of illnesses.

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### Having trouble with some of the Club equipment - such as the thicknesser, band saws and cross cut saw etc?

Don't play with the adjustments.

Please refer any adjustment or problem to the keyholder so it can be quickly and accurately corrected, (- or the equipment isolated if it will need extra attention).

We still have some members making inappropriate adjustments that may not only spoil the subsequent members work when they use the machine, but may make the machine unsafe.

### The Knox Festival 2008

What a wonderful 2 days this year. The weather was perfect and we had a record number of children of all ages participate in the Kids Korner kit construction. We also sold many items kindly donated by members, which they had produced over the last few months.



Bunnings (in conjunction with the Festival organisers) sponsored 400 kits so these could be provided free to children.



Naturally, this created a "feeding frenzy", as can be seen, with children lined up to get a turn at construction. We gave



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away all the kits just on the Saturday alone!! It was fortunate we had a good number of member-helpers to handle the crowds!

Nick Wakeling MP, our member for Ferntree Gully visited our stand on the Saturday. Nick kindly provides the printing of our monthly newsletter as a community service.

Naturally, the fun for everyone, including our members, is in seeing the pleasure the kids get out of gluing, screwing and especially hammering to complete their chosen toy.



This young lady is being overseen by Peter Horsburgh as she hammers away on her tool box.



Chris Gerritzen was a little confused as to what age you finally got past the “kid” stage when he helped both the little boy and the “older” boy at the same time in constructing pencil cases. But then, most of us men are still “boys” and act like it no matter what age we are, according to our partners!



One of the pleasures in helping the kids constructing is watching the Dads and Mums helping them, as in the last photo.



It was great to see some of our newer members helping out. Horacio and Ana Demarco and Beryl Hicks joined our longer term member Ron Ralph who constructed the box he is holding. The items for sale were donated by members.



Many of the public showed interest in Bill Ireland’s display of his handiwork in the bench seat, boxes and bowls etc using mainly Blackwood.



is not a pretty sight!

One of the benefits of being near the stage was to see the myriad of various acts that were put on. Some of the members were particularly attracted to the belly dancing shows. Naturally, I only went to see them because I wanted a photo of our members engrossed in their performance! After looking at the photo I decided not to include it in the newsletter as a group of men staring with their tongues hanging out

Paul Lucas

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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

8 <sup>th</sup> March	Closed		COACH TRIP TO SHEPPARTON	
15 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Closed		EASTER SATURDAY	
29 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
5 <sup>th</sup> April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727

*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 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Monthly General Meeting  
at 7:30 pm.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Monthly General Meeting  
at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**WORKING BEE**

### In the Woodies World

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April Ballarat**  
**Woodworkers Guild Expo** at  
Wendourie  
**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May Albury-Wodonga**  
**Woodcrafting Show**  
**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Pen kits From \$4  
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2  
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.

### For Sale

Vicmark L300 lathe with many accessories. Almost new. \$4,000 ono. Was owned by Rennie Van Aiken. Phone Paddy Mc Cann for further details on 9758 4849.

### Management Lessons!!

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day? The crow answered: "Sure, why not. So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

**Lesson: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.**

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree,"

sighed the turkey, "but I haven't got the energy." "Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings?" replied the bull. "They're packed with nutrients." The turkey pecked at a lump of dung and found that it actually gave him enough strength to reach the first branch of the tree. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon, he was spotted by a farmer, who promptly shot the turkey out of the tree.  
**Lesson: Crap might get you to the top, but it won't necessarily keep you there.**

**Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, face protection and dust mask at the Club.**

**Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.**

**THINK SAFE  
WOODWORKING**