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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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

As we move into autumn the weather has turned colder I have noticed the fall off in number of members attending each day and more particularly at night. This is a good time for those of you who are not keen when all the machines are in use and you have to wait your turn, to come along while things are quiet and work at your ease. Even though things are slower in the work shop the Club is still vibrant and this is obvious by the number of new members we are still attracting.

May I take this opportunity to notify you that our 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day this year will be held at the Club Rooms on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008. For those who do not know what this is all about, some years ago we established our Annual 'Be In It' 'Competition for the purpose of Members to be able to display their Skills and Craftsmanship to their peers, friends and families. Each member, new or old is asked to enter into the spirit of the day and to complete one or more articles for entry in the competition. The only restriction on entries is that your entry must have been completed within the last 12 months. We divide entries into categories for judging purposes. This day is our opportunity to display the Variety, Skills and Quality of work, because most members do not finish their projects at the Club and other members are always keen to see the finished article. It also gives other members other projects they would like to or be able to attempt. You now still have 3 months to start or complete your entry and I would encourage every member to enter the competition and support your Club in this Annual event. Further details with entry categories will be available at a later stage.

I would also encourage members to support our Toys for Disadvantaged Children Christmas Appeal. Last year we gave 400 Toys. Currently we have only 60 Toys donated, so we have quite a way to go to reach our target of at least 400. Each member is asked to donate a least one toy for the children. If you have not started yours yet, you have about 6 months to get your toys to the Club as we will present our toys at our November Meeting. We can store your finished donations at the Club.

Our planned extensions to the Club are still in limbo. To date we have had no further information on our application to the Federal Government for the Grant which we lodged with them on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007. Your Committee are currently discussing other alternatives to progress with our Extensions. We will keep you informed on any new developments.

I look forward to seeing and speaking with you around the Club.  
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
Trolley for splints	Angliss Rehabilitation Centre	In planning
Solitaire boards	Angliss Rehabilitation Centre	In progress
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

### A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members, who have joined over the last few months, 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:

Matt Lazzaro  
Anne-Maria Plevier  
Gordon Logan

Don't forget there is a "medical record card" behind your name badge that you may choose to fill in if you feel it may be of assistance in an emergency.

Many of us have had our name badge for several years and the plastic holders are showing signs of wear and tear. See the key holder if you require a new replacement holder.

### Guest Speakers for the coming Monthly Meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Don Horsburgh from the Puffing Billy Speakers Group, talking on the history of Puffing Billy, together with a DVD/Video.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Patrick Evans from Maton Guitars, talking on their timber issues and how they overcome them. Have you any questions on making musical instruments?

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Phil Lennox, talking on wood screws with some interesting information on their use and application.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Karl Lutz, talking on veneering using a small vacuum press.

Ted Bricker, has kindly agreed to be a backup speaker in case we have a speaker cancel just before a meeting with his talk on the history of Burls and making furniture with them.

### Our New Membership Data Base

The old membership records database has become increasingly unsuitable since inception, particularly with our current 174 members, and continuing to expand! A new specifically designed database is now in operation.

There are many blanks in the older records, so I am trying to quickly update them so I will be asking each member to check with me at club meetings or during the day if attending work sessions to review your information.

Remember, all personal member information is strictly confidential (not publicly available), and password-secured, known only to authorised committee members.

The only variation to this, for the convenience of members, is we place a membership list on the notice board, containing only names, addresses, phone numbers and partner's name.

If you do not want such details to be seen by other members, please advise me so I do not include them.

If you don't attend regularly, or are going away for a while, please feel free to call me at home in the evening, and I can update your info on the spot. My phone is 9754 1520

Thanks in anticipation for your co-operation - I can tell you I will be so glad when all 174 members have been rechecked (currently about 1/3 done!!) John O'Rorke

### Happy Birthday!!

A new segment to be included each month is the members celebrating their birthday during the month.

This has been made possible by the great work done by John O'Rorke in installing our new Club computer and updating the members list details so we can easily extract specific information such as monthly birthdays etc.

Congratulations in May to:

Michael Pendrey on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jim Gay on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mike Sheehan on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Bill Longden on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Alan Green on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Button on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Les Wilkins on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Robert Holdsworth on the 27<sup>th</sup>

We hope you each have a great day and successful year ahead.

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## Our Members' Welfare

We know the following members and partners are unwell and wish them speedy recoveries:

Doug Dell, Paul Phillips and his wife, Jim Loble, Colin Stewart, Lindsay Rotherham and Geoff Wheeler.

## Turners Talk

While Monday morning is principally for wood turners to gain instruction on improving their turning skills, other members can use the Club facilities

**HOWEVER**, to enable those members wood turning to hear instructions and for them to be able to converse comfortably during instruction there is a request for other members to **NOT** use the thicknesser unit until **AFTER 11:30am** that morning so the turners can hear each other. The committee appreciates your understanding and cooperation on this small issue.

## Theatre Night Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8:15pm

### "Run for your Wife"

**Knox Community Arts Centre**  
**Cnr Mountain Hwy and Scoresby Rd**  
**Bayswater**

Get your name on the notice board.  
Only \$15 per person and that includes supper!  
Envelopes are on the notice board to use to pay.

## The April General Meeting



Gary Pope kindly and ably filled in as guest speaker due to the very severe storm in Melbourne that day. The havoc created meant that our planned guest speaker could not attend.

Gary spoke and showed a video on the sights and timbers he encountered on his recent travels.

## Update on the Guest Speaker Register

The basic layout of the information to go on the website [www.alchester.com.au/kdwc](http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc) is in the final stages of committee approval, before implementation in the next month:

1. A page saying what the Register is about.
2. The form for potential speakers to download, and submit for uploading to the Register.
3. The Register of Guest Speakers by State as we get the appropriate requests from interstate.

The important aspect of this Guest Speaker Register is that our Club takes no responsibility for the entries but is merely a free service resource provided by our Club for appropriate speakers to advise clubs they are available and for clubs to access potential speakers.

Almost all clubs and organisations comment on how difficult it is to know of potential speakers particularly when the guest speaker coordinator position changes in a club!!

## "Member of the Month"

### An Interview with John Emptage

To add variety to the newsletter I am introducing a new segment by interviewing various members each month.

In talking to John Emptage he said:



"I have a comprehensive workshop at home and have always been involved in the usual constant round of maintenance and repairs around the house, so becoming increasingly interested in woodwork about 10 years ago was a logical extension.

I worked for Telstra during my working life consequently woodwork was a great diversion in activity.

I joined our Club 7 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie within the Club as we have a wide skill base amongst members and the friendship and teamwork exhibited by members is excellent. There is a real social atmosphere within the Club while everyone is committed and serious about actually completing individual and Club projects. The occasional "day outings" and Club functions just further improve the social aspects by involving our partners.

My woodwork interests are broad based from turning to furniture to general woodwork so I tackle any project that comes my way! In fact I am considering constructing a pergola roof at our house in the near future and that will be a challenge!

One of my most interesting challenges was producing lovely matching coffee tables with turned legs for our eldest son".

John Emptage

The photo shows John in a section of his workshop with some of the small toys he made. John is actively involved in assisting and instructing members at the wood turning sessions on Monday mornings.

John's present crusade is to see us improve safety awareness within the Club.

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

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
10 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00 am	12:00 noon	Alistair Green	9754 2727
17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
24 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
31 <sup>st</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

*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 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.  
Paul Lucas, talking about Ernest Walther, who was titled "a priceless American treasure".

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.  
Don Horsburgh, talking on the history of Puffing Billy.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Working Bee at the Club

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
"Be In It" competition & "Open Day"

### In the Woodies World

**13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Australian Woodturning Exhibition

**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  
Pen kits From \$4  
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2  
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.

### Having a Bad Day???

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later in full view, a killer whale ate them both!!

### Still think you are having a Bad Day???

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily

listening to his Walkman!!

### STILL think you're having a Bad Day???

Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly.

The two helpless protesters were trampled to death!!

### What?? STILL having a Bad Day???

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb.

It came back with "Return to Sender" stamped on it.

Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

### There, feeling Better?

**Protect yourself.  
Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.  
THINK SAFE  
WOODWORKING**