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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, June report

We have patiently waited since 1st August 2007 for an answer to our Grant Application for \$65,700 to the Federal Government Regional Partnerships Program.

On the 12th May 2008 we finally emailed the Hon. Gary Gray AO., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia with a copy to The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP., Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

On the 15th May we received a statement from Anthony Albanese's Office informing us that our application had been unsuccessful, because of the 2008 Budget changes to the Regional Partnerships Program, as follows --- "The Rudd Labour Government's New Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and Better Regions Election Commitments will replace Sustainable Regions and the Regional Programs".

"The Government will honour all existing contracts under Regional Partnerships and Sustainable Regions Programs; however uncontracted applications will not be proceeded with."

"A New Regional and Community Infrastructure Program will supplement these programs from the May 2009 Budget and fund major investments in Regional Communities." In light of these changes, it means that if we wanted to apply again we would not be able to apply until after the May 2009 Budget provided they have sorted out their new protocol for such applications.

We as a Committee feel that we cannot wait that long and perhaps be disappointed again. So we are taking steps to search all other avenues for where we can make applications right away for other grants. We need to update the costing for our planned extensions then estimate how far we could get with our Building Fund. Previously we could not move because the grant we had applied for was not reciprocal. So our new application could be made for the part of the project left after going as far as we could with our Building Fund. We will keep you informed as we progress with our discussions and with any decisions we make.

If you wish to voice your displeasure and disappointment at the Rudd Labour Government's decision on turning down our Grant Application, you should ring 1800 038 160 Hotline and register your displeasure to The Minister Anthony Albanese MP. The more members and friends who register their objections the more chance we will get some reaction from the Minister.

Sorry for the bad news but it has been outside our control, if you wish to discuss this further 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, in
colour, 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 get as much enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making them feel part of the Club family. Wear your name badge so it is easier for them to get to know other members by name and quickly settle in. All the new badges are in the rack.

Our new members are: Gabriele Voll
Bill Pitt
Rob Donker
Michael Romanov

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

Replacement plastic badge holders are available if your current one is showing signs of wear and tear.

Guest Speakers for the coming Monthly Meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:

August 6th

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

September 3rd

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

Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations in June to the following members. We hope you have a great day and a successful year ahead:

Bent Holst-Jensen on the 8th
Gary Hallawell on the 13th
Eric Butterfield on the 21st
Matt Lazzaro on the 27th
Bruce Allen on the 29th
Laurie Ham also on the 29th

Our Members' Welfare

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

Doug Dell, Paul Phillips and his wife Pat, Ray Norton, Fred Moore, Lindsay Rotherham and Paul Stewart.

Rocking Horse Ramblings

Joe Semenow proudly advised me they have already completed another horse and have a further 2 on the go!! Well done to the "horse team"!!

The May General Meeting

Paul Lucas spoke on the life and extraordinary skill of "Moody" Warther who was described as "The Worlds Greatest Carver" and labelled "A priceless American Treasure" by the Smithsonian.

Paul described and presented photos and slides showing just some of his incredible items produced over a 70 year span.

The new Australia-wide "Guest Speaker Register"

"Woodworking Speakers Register"

is now live on the KDWC website at

<http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwctalk.htm>

Go online and have a look!!

The layout is:

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 actual "Register of Guest Speakers by State" - as we get the appropriate input from interstate.

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

At this time there is only 1 entry on the Register - mine! I have merely placed an entry to allow potential speakers to see the final layout of the entry they submit.

We will be contacting many clubs around Australia over the coming weeks to help get the "Register" populated with Speakers.

A special thanks to our webmaster and Club member, Gary Pope, for his active assistance and speedy responses in getting this project up and running in the short time we have been working on it.

It will take time to get fully operational throughout Australia, but we are sure it will benefit many clubs.

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The “Be In it” Competition & Open Day

Sunday 17th August

Don't forget to mark your diary and get your entries completed and entered in the times below.

Even if you have nothing to enter, come along and make the day a success for all. It is your chance to see what others have achieved over the last year and get ideas on what you may work on in the future.

Schedule for the Event

Registration of Entries

Friday 15th August 6:30pm till 8:30pm
 Saturday 16th August 9:00am till 12 noon
 Sunday 17th August 9:00am till 11:30am

Judging:

Sunday 17th August 12noon till 2:30pm

Club rooms open to members & friends: 2:30pm

Afternoon tea: 3:30pm

Presentation of Certificates: 4:15pm

Members are requested to bring a plate of food to share at the afternoon tea.

Categories for Exhibits

Category

Boxes
 Carving
 Clock
 Furniture
 Ornamental
 Toys
 Woodturning

Classes

Large & Small
 Large & Small
 Turned & Other
 Major & Minor
 Garden & Other
 Large & Small
 Spindle
 Bowl under 200mm
 Bowl over 200mm
 Platter
 Lidded container
 Natural Item
 Segmented Item
 Matched pair
 Other

Rocking Horse

“Best items on the Day” Major and Minor

“Member of the Month”

An Interview with Peter Sleeman

Peter is, and has been for a long time, a quiet achiever within the Club.

Newer members may not know, unless they look up at the honour board within the Club, that he has been President in the past and is a Life Member. You don't get a life membership lightly in our Club!

Peter has thoroughly enjoyed his 12 years in the Club which naturally followed from a lifetime interest in woodworking. He also has a high skill level in metal work and when you combine the 2 you get to be able to handle

almost any project. Some of his working life as a Motor Trimmer probably also influenced this as he is also adept at reupholstering chairs etc.

Think of many of the major “repairs” of the Club saws, thicknesser, etc over the last few years and Peter has done it or had a hand in it. Peter has always been there with a smiling face to help anyone out with advice and help.

His current passion is clock making with 4 on the go at present (as can be seen in the photo). He proudly considers his first clock, a Pillar Clock for his wife, is his greatest achievement.



You all see his grand-daughter clocks as the main prize at the Knox and Stringy Bark Festivals.



What a home workshop Peter has, with a huge range of equipment. The photo shows Peter working on 1 of his 3

band saws! Peter constructed this grey bandsaw himself about 30 years ago as he wanted a 30 inch throat. It is still going strong.

Peter is excited about our proposed building extension, as the next phase in the Club's continuing successful growth.

Paul Lucas

**Protect yourself while working at the Club.
 Your health and safety is important to you, and the
 Club, so look after it.**

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 the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

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

7 th June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
14 th June	8:00 am	12:00 noon	WORKING BEE	
21 st June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
28 th June	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 4th June
Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Don Horsburgh, talking on the history of Puffing Billy.

Saturday 14th June
Working Bee at the Club

Wednesday 18th June
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 2nd July
Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Patrick Evans from Maton Guitars, talking on their timber issues and how they overcome them.

Sunday 17th August
"Be In It" competition & "Open Day"

In the Woodies World

13th-15th June
Australian Woodturning Exhibition

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

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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.

For Sale

Triton 2000 235mm saw bench.
235mm Hitachi saw (near new "Irwin" blade), saw height winder kit, clamp arrangement for alternative 184mm. saw. With complete dust extraction system. Excellent order. \$575 ONO
Rob Donker Ph 98870214 or Mobile 0403 134 501
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Is it True??

The three Goldberg brothers, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.

On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97°F. The three brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that three gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused, and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car which was at about 130°F. They immediately turned on the air-conditioner which quickly cooled the car down.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air-Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little bit anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on millions of future Ford cars. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so, even today, all Ford air-conditioners show on the controls, the names, "Norm, Hi, & Max"

Are you one of those who went out and checked their car control panel after reading this?