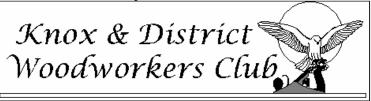
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### **Your Committee for 2007/8**

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

#### We finally achieved it!!!!

It is with much pleasure that I report to you that we have been successful in obtaining a much needed Grant for our Planned Building Extensions

Our very sincere thanks and gratitude to Knox City Council for their Grant of \$ 83,297, following a submission and subsequent presentation at the Council Budget Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

My thanks to Hughie Gaynor, Eric Butterfield and John Jackson for their input into our submission and at our presentation to Council.

I suppose the first question on everybody's mind will be, "When will we start?" Well, the situation is that we ourselves have quite a lot of preparations to perform to clear the way for the Builders to start and this we will need to start very soon. We will be calling for volunteers to physically assist with the clearing and relocating of timber stored under the present building plus many other tasks. Hopefully we will have more details of work to be done at our Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We have already spoken to our Builder who is negotiating with Contractors for updated quotes and when they would be able to start. We will keep you informed on our progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members about our "Be In It" Competition and Open Day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, which is only 6 weeks away. I hope that you are well underway with your entries for the Competition.

All the details for the day are in last month's Newsletter and on the notice board. I ask you all to please enter into the spirit of the day and help us to make this a memorable day for members, their families and visitors.

I look forward to meeting and speaking to you around the



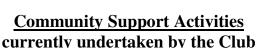
# Watch this space!!!

Above is a photo of the existing Club building site. As construction eventually progresses I will insert a new photo each month showing the major stages of construction.

We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter, in
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Project	Recipient	Status	
Description			
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids	Continually in	
	for Christmas	Progress	
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning	
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous	
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required	
Trolley for splints	Angliss	In planning	
	Rehabilitation Centre		
Solitaire boards	Angliss	In progress	
	Rehabilitation Centre		
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner	Continuous	
	functions		
Adjustable Stools	CPEC	Progressing	
Outdoor Setting	Upwey Primary	In Planning	
for Kids	School		
Playground	UFTG Primary	In Progress	
Equipment	School		

#### A warm welcome to our New Member

Help our new member get as much enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making him feel part of the Club family. Wear your name badge so he gets to know other members by name and quickly settle in.

Our new member is: Ted Gillbee Your new badge is in the Club badge rack.

Fill in the "medical record card" 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  $6^{th}$ 

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.

# **Happy Birthday!!**

Congratulations in July to the following 5 members. We hope you have a great day and a successful year ahead:

Christine Smith on the 5th
Charles Mann on the 10<sup>th</sup>
Alan Donner on the 21<sup>st</sup>
Gordon Logan on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
Valerio Rech on the 28th

#### **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 Horsley, Paul Aminde and George Dzioba.



# Recognition for Len ("The Rocking Horse Man") Elliott

Len has turned 80 years old and is thinking of other directions for hobbies so is winding back his almost full-time job of working on his major passion of rocking horses.

Len worked for 20 years as a restorer at a museum so was ideally qualified to subsequently take on numerous restorations of antique and preloved family rocking horses. He has also been an inspiration to Joe Semenow and many makers of rocking horses in our Club over the years by providing the complete accessories set including saddles, harnesses and stirrups etc. Whenever anyone went to Len's place to get supplies they always came away a considerable time later with plenty of information and hints about horses as he is an absolute font of knowledge about the history and development of rocking horses!!

He's already working on another book as he wants to spread his knowledge as wide as possible.

The Club presented Len with a plaque and bottle of wine at the June General Meeting as a small token of appreciation for what he has done for our Club members.



The photo shows him proudly displaying the plaque and enjoying drinking the wine while astride one of his horses!!

#### **Safety**

Improving safety within the Club is to be given a renewed focus and you will hear more about it over the coming months.

You may even be asked to contribute by being a member of a safety sub-committee.

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#### **Turners Talk**

Have you been into the woodturning room lately? You will be amazed at the cleanliness and orderliness of the place, which is a credit to the members who keep it like

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that. But most importantly it is a credit to the leadership and direction from John Emptage to achieve it and maintain it.



Well done by all the Woodturners!!

#### **Around the Club**

Here's Brian Douds routing a lid for the very decorative jewellery box he is making.



The box is on the router table made from layers of Merbau and Pine. It has a removable interior tray and will certainly look great when stained and felt-lined inside.

We have a total of 172 toys now completed for our Christmas toy donations, with more on the way. However, we still need plenty more!







The photos show 2 of the types of toys being produced. The "gypsy wagon" is a classic example of what can be done when members put their minds to it. We were given the curved pieces of ply and a member decided to use it to roof a number of wagons. Pretty good eh? The chairs are very stylish and colourfully painted.

# "Member of the Month" An Interview with Peter Horsburgh

Everyone knows Peter.

He has been in the Club for 12 years and is one of the constant quiet achievers in getting things done around the Club

He hasn't missed helping out at the 2 Festivals a year since he joined. Being a major driver in organising and helping the members produce the Kids Korner Kits means he has been involved in countless 1,000s of them. Not only that but whenever a school, library or children's group want to have a kit building day at their premises or a community group needs something constructed you generally find Peter involved, if he is available. All this has resulted in a substantial financial gain for the Club over the years. All this follows from a lifetime interest in anything to do with woodwork since he was 12 years old. He has even built a house!!

Peter is proud of the facilities we have and is disappointed when equipment is damaged due to neglect or abuse. Seeing the successful completion of the new extension is his next focus and knowing Peter he will be in line to volunteer his expertise.



Peter is proud of the more than 20 Be In It awards plus others, like the Bill Gillingham award in 2003, on the wall of his extensive workshop.

We need more members like Peter.

Paul Lucas

# The "Guest Speaker Data Base"

More updated detail will be written and distributed to many of the Clubs around Australia in the coming week.

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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
woodturiing)	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	9801 2197
			Doug Dell	9729 1886
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

#### Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

5 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
12 <sup>th</sup> July	8:00 am	12:00 noon	Alistair Green	9754 2727
19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
26 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
6th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms and workshop				

#### **Regular Club Group Activities**

Day	Time	Regularity	Group		Contact	
Monday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	John Emptage	9758 6103	
	Evening	Each week	Carvers	Willy Schlaf	9762 2206	
	-		Festival Kids development	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 2<sup>nd</sup> July
Monthly General Meeting
at 7:30 pm.
Phil Lennox, on wood screws,
their use and application.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August Monthly General Meeting

at 7:30 pm. Patrick Evans from Maton

Guitars, on their timber issues. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

"Be In It" Competition & "Open Day"

#### In the Woodies World

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.

#### 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 or robtheadonker@tadaust.org.au

### That's life!!

Paddy's pregnant sister was in a terrible car accident and went into a deep coma.

After being in the coma for nearly six months, she wakes up and sees that she is no longer pregnant; frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby. The doctor replies, "Ma'am, you had twins! A boy and a girl. The babies are fine now however they were poorly at

birth and had to be christened immediately - your brother came in and named them. The woman thinks to herself, "Oh suffering Jesus no, not me brother ... he's a \$\%^\&\*, clueless, \*&"\$#!" Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor, "Well, what's my daughter's name?" "Denise," says the doctor. The new mother is somewhat relieved "Wow, that's a beautiful name; I guess I was wrong about my brother .... I like Denise." Then she asks, "What's the boy's name?" - "Denephew"

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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