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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's,

April report

We had a very successful Knox Festival Activity on Sat. 28th Feb. and Sun. 1st March. Our thanks to those members who volunteered and supported us on the two days. We had 38 members on the Sat. and 32 on the Sunday. We had a very good result raising approx. \$4,200. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your dedication, enthusiasm and hard work before, during and after the Festival, as this is one of our two Major Fund Raising Activities of the year.

Our Building Extensions are progressing as planned and are nearing completion. At present we are experiencing some disruption with the relocation of the kitchen area and the construction of the New Disabled Toilet Facility. I would ask you to bear with us during this time and we hope to have it all resolved soon.

During the month we ran two other stalls:

- 1) At the Steamfest at Rowville on Sun. 8th March with 4 members volunteering and manning the stall and raising \$80.
- 2) At the Basin Music Festival on Sun. 22nd March with 5 volunteers and raising over \$100. Our thanks to the members for their time and efforts on these two Sundays.

Over the next couple of months we have 4 Kids Korner Activities booked and Peter Horsburgh will be calling for volunteers to assist in these activities. So I ask you to get behind Peter and his team and support your Club. These Activities are not difficult tasks; you can be shown on the day, but the more members who get involved means lightening the load on the usual few.

We will have our next Working Bee on Sat. 4th April and we are calling for volunteers for this day as we have a lot to get through. The duties this time are sorting out timber, etc. housekeeping and attending to some of the cosmetic tasks of the extension works that we are unable to get to during ordinary Club times. Hope to see you there.

As we have Easter Sunday coming up on 14th April I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Easter and hope that you have a safe and pleasant one.

I look forward to seeing and speaking to you around the Club in the near future.
Paddy Mc Cann

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

**The Puffing Billy train outing
has been cancelled due to lack
of getting the minimum
numbers to attend.**

Your newsletter in colour?

Want to see the newsletter and its photographs in colour? Then ensure John O'Rorke has your email address so he can send it to you before each monthly meeting.

Around the Club

John O'Rorke is achieving great strides in getting our computer and the records on into the best shape they have ever been. This inevitably involves him in many hours working at either the Club computer or his own at home to maintain the records. Well done John!



A quiet achiever for the Club at virtually every monthly meeting is our Foundation Member and Life Member, Sergio Meilak, who diligently conducts the raffle and regularly contributes jars of sweets as raffle prizes that are always enthusiastically claimed early in the raffle draw. Here is Tony Truett ~~being conned into~~ cheerfully buying his tickets – needless to say, he didn't win anything!!

Our changing Woodwork Club site

We expect the Club extensions and upgrade of facilities to be completed on time and to budget by the end of May.

A number of finishing touches have to be completed before then. The new toilet for the disabled is nearly complete and

this means the kitchen has to be repositioned and the bench altered to improve the work flow through the kitchen. 3 water tanks of 2,500 litres have been purchased and will be installed to supply water to the toilets. A concrete slab will be laid outside the building. The metal safety step platform to allow access to the upper reaches of the racking in the new storeroom has been completed.

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner functions	Continuous

Happy Birthday in April!!

Congratulations in April to the following members. We hope you all have a great birthday occasion and a successful year ahead:

Ken Rivett	on the 2 nd
Paul Lucas	on the 3 rd
Colin Stewart	on the 4 th
Les Gallagher	on the 7 th
Noel Rippon	on the 7 th
Ray Easthope	on the 16 th
Sergio Meilak	on the 17 th
Jacqueline Wilson	on the 22 nd
Bill Ireland	on the 25 th
Allan Dugan	on the 26 th
Brian Dowds	on the 26 th

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 they get to know us by name and quickly settle in.

Our new members are: Phillip Spencer
Alan Peach

Fill in the "medical record card" if you feel it may be of assistance in an emergency.

We have been successfully using our current badges for several years now so a replacement badge and/or plastic badge holder is available if your original one is showing signs of wear and tear. Leave a message in Paul Lucas's pigeon hole in the office.

Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speaker:
1st April Our own Tony Truett will give a talk.

Our Members' Welfare

We wish these members well during their illness:

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John Emptage, Fred Moore, Jim Gay and Peter Sleeman.

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Activities at outside functions

Paddy Mc Cann mentioned the 2 functions our members successfully attended in March. Bill Ireland took the following 2 photographs.



The first, above, is Joyce Brown setting up our stand at the Scoresby Steam Festival on the 8th March where our members also demonstrated wood turning.



At the Basin Music Festival on the 22nd March they had a similarly successful day demonstrating turning and selling items made by our members. The photograph shows Anne-Maria Plevier turning spinning tops while Henk Eysenns gets ready to have a “turn”.



The members who attend these functions perform a great service for the Club because they not only publicise our Club and encourage others to join but also raise funds for the Club with the sales they generate.

Not to be forgotten are the members who quietly use their time and skills to produce the items for sale.

At the February Monthly Meeting

At the February monthly meeting Joe Semenow proudly showed us the “perpetual motion machine” he bought while overseas recently. His wife, Mary, was not fooled by it even



though she did not guess how it worked!!

Joe eventually found out it really was a perpetual motion gadget – provided the hidden battery didn’t go flat!!

Club Raffles over the next few months

Be sure to come to the monthly meetings and look out for the general raffles over the next few months as the prizes are special !!

Prizes such as 6 double tickets to a show, an Easter chocolate hamper, a family pass on Puffing Billy, a \$50 Safeway hamper.

Come along to find out more details.

Safety within the Club

Safety is always upper most in our minds and finally a great effort has been made to actually ensure members have the best knowledge possible about the machinery at the Club and how to operate it correctly and safely.

A Safety Committee has been operating for some time and in conjunction with them Eric Butterfield has written “Safety Induction Training procedures” for all the major pieces of equipment in the Club.

They are excellent documents and the group is to be congratulated for the effort involved.

Protect yourself by wearing appropriate protective clothes and equipment while working at the Club.

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

THINK SAFE

WOODWORKING

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	9801 2197
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Tony Truett	9873 2847
		Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

4 th April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
11 th April	CLOSED		EASTER SATURDAY	
18 th April	9:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
25 th April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
2nd May	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 Festival Kids 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	Tony Truett 9873 2847
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

What's On, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 1st April
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Friday 10th, Sat 11th and Mon 13th April closed for EASTER
Saturday 18th April
WORKING BEE at the Club
Wednesday 22nd April
Committee Meeting at 7:30pm
Wednesday 6th May
General Meeting at 7:30pm

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.

I owe my Mother!!

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. **My mother taught me RELIGION.**

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. **My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. **My mother taught me LOGIC.**

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. **My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.**

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. **My mother taught me FORESIGHT.**

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. **My mother taught me IRONY.**

"Keep crying, and I'll give you some thing to cry about."

9. **My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM**

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. **My mother taught me about STAMINA.**

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. **My mother taught me about WEATHER.**

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. **My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.**

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

13. **My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.**

"Stop acting like your father!"

14. **My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.**

"Just wait until we get home."

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15. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING.**

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

16. **My mother taught me GENETICS.**

"You're just like your father."

17. **My mother taught me WISDOM.**

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

FINALLY!! 18. **My mother taught me about JUSTICE.**

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

