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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

I take great pleasure in informing everyone that we were successful with the Final Inspection of our Building Extension Project by Council Building Inspectors on Mon. 25th May. We had several minor requirements to correct i.e. to update drawings to reflect the actual internal rooms eg. New Office, Kids Korner Store, Rocking Horse Store, Disabled Toilet and Kitchen Relocation. One Fire Extinguisher was relocated in the new store. It came with a great relief and feeling of achievement to end the project which started at a meeting with Council almost four years ago on 1ST July 2005. At that time we asked Council for permission to extend our Clubrooms. Since then we owe a vote of thanks to everyone both members, friends and organisations who supported us throughout the Project There are too many people to mention individually who did their bit during these four years, but I feel that I must mention Bill Orpen and Peter Sleeman for their time, skills and dedication throughout the Planning and Construction. To all of you on behalf of your Club and myself personally I would like to thank you for your support during this time.

Now that the Extension has been successfully completed, we are looking at an Official Opening and would like to form a Sub Committee to organise this event. I will be calling for volunteers for this Committee at our June Meeting. If you would like to be involved please put up your hand and give us your support as we would like some non-committee members to contribute to this occasion.

Our next Working Bee will be on Sat. 13th June at 8am till noon. We still have a considerable amount of MDF sheeting etc. to be moved from different sheds into the

Store together with the general 2 monthly housekeeping which is always required. I hope to see as many volunteers as possible there and not see it left to the "faithful few".

I remind you again of the "Be In It" Competition and Open Day on Sun.16th August. To some this might seem a long time away but believe me it will be on us before we know it. So hopefully this reminder will give you enough time to start or complete your competition entries. I ask you for your support at this Open Day as it is an opportunity to display your skills and expertise to other members, friends and families in a relaxed atmosphere with Afternoon Tea.

I would also remind you that our Annual General Meeting and election of Committee Members for the year 2009/2010 will be held on Wed. 7th Oct. 2009. If you would like to have your say in the future direction of your club I strongly suggest that you nominate for a position on Committee. I will be standing down this year as President because of personal commitments and I would like to think that your New President will have your support. So here is your opportunity to show what your Club means to you by nominating for Committee. Remember the words of John F. Kennedy "It is not what my Country can do for me but what I can do for my Country". Think about it.

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
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Our changing Woodwork Club site



One of the final acts is the re-erection of the fully refurbished “The Alf Stephens Club Rooms” sign at the front of the finished expanded Clubrooms. Major work was done by Max Holt and others to reinforce and fill the split sign then paint it to show it in its glory. What a wonderful job to bring it up to an as new appearance.



What do you think of the newly restyled kitchen? It is a vast improvement on the old one as it is now designed for a much better work flow when a group of members all want to use it at the same time. It is also a great improvement in appearance and easier to keep clean.

Happy Birthday in June!!

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

John Wright	on the 1 st
Kevin Gilders	on the 3 rd
Jim Lobley	on the 8 th
Bent Holst-Jensen	on the 8 th
Ben Spencer	on the 12 th
John Darcy	on the 13 th
Gary Hallawell	on the 13 th
Eric Butterfield	on the 21 st
Matt Lazzaro	on the 27 th

Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speaker:
3rd June Bill Ireland talking on the History of FTG

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
Kids Korner Kits	Kid Korner Activities	Continuous
20 Possum Boxes	Marysville pp KC Council	Completed
20 Possum Boxes	Barb McAuley – Care of Injured Possums	In Progress
148 Trays	Vermont South Primary School	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Grand Daughter Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
BoardRoom Table	Our New Office	In Progress
Turned Teddy Bear	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Various Woodturned Items	Stock for various activities sales	In Progress

Our Members’ Welfare

We wish these members well during their various stages of illness: Bruce Powell and Jim Gay.

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: Christopher Betts
Dan Goldfarb
Robert Black

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

Safety at the Club

The safety instructions for all the major equipment have now been completed. A great job done by Eric Butterfield and the Safety Committee.

The Spindle moulder will be treated separately.

Club Raffles over the next few months

Don't forget the raffles, over and above the regular ones conducted at the monthly meeting!!

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The sad passing of Fred Moore

It is very sad news that Fred ("Ozzie") Moore passed away peacefully on Saturday 16th May.

It is appropriate to recall Fred's great efforts in the Club with his many years in the position as Secretary. Also, on a personal note, I have some fond recollections of Fred telling of his experiences during WWII, and some of the enlightening material he published at:

<http://freespace.virgin.net/j.dingwall/veteran5.htm>

There is also some record information about Fred at: http://www.pegasusarchive.org/pow/fred_moore.htm and it is worthy to note that his Arnhem experiences are somewhat depicted in the film "Bridge Too Far": <http://history.sandiego.edu/GEN/filmnotes/bridgetoofar.htm>).

Behind Fred's jovial and bright approach to life, as many of us saw over the last 20 years around the Club, we should all take stock of his underlying humble and courageous efforts in his life which must have taken its toll - yet rarely complained about. That's "Ozzie"!

Unfortunately, Fred has had to pass another Bridge, and I'm sure we all want his surviving wife, Josie, to know that Fred has always been held in high esteem amongst his woodworking colleagues at the KDWC. Gary Pope

Vital Member Update: On good authority from Tony Truett, "Rocking Horse Production Will Not Be Affected by Swine Flu!!"

Many of you will remember the heading similar to this one back in the September 2007 issue of the newsletter when Joe Semenow was deeply worried about the spread of the Equine Influenza bug to our rocking horses, as it was spreading rapidly among the general horse population. Frenzied checks with the relevant veterinary authorities finally reassured Joe and all our members that it would not affect our horses. Consequently we placed an article in the newsletter to publicise the facts.

Similarly, Tony Truett has been worried about the Swine Flu currently spreading through the human population. As it has transmitted from pigs to humans, can it transmit to horses? There has been a stunning silence in the media

about this possibility, so Tony was quite rightly concerned and worried that it has been a government conspiracy to hide the awful truth!!

Considerable contact with the same relevant veterinary authorities that Joe dealt with 2 years ago, has thankfully again confirmed that our rocking horses are safe.

"Rest easy and Rock on", Rocking Horse members!!

Here, Tony can be seen in the new Rocking Horse Room



lovingly cleaning and checking the condition (and health) of the horses – this was prior to the advice that they could not be affected by Swine Flu.

Around the Club

Our members Paul Aminde and Gerry Daelmans are shown putting the final touches to 20 possum boxes constructed



for Knox Council, who donated them to the Marysville district following the recent bushfires. Naturally other members also helped in the project. It is great to see so many members prepared to put their

valuable time into helping out on projects for the benefit of the community.

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING

Weekly Workshop Hours and the Keyholder

Monday	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
Thursday (Furniture group)	6:30 am	-9:30 pm	George Knight	9726 6585
Friday (Furniture group)	9:30 am	12:30 pm	George Knight	9726 6585
Friday (Rocking Horse group)	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Tony Truett Bruce Allen	9873 2847 9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

6 th June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
13 th June	8:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
20 th June	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
27 th June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
4 th July	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 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 3rd June
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Bill Ireland talking on the History of FTG

Saturday 13th June
WORKING BEE

Wednesday 17th June
Committee Meeting at 7:30pm

Wednesday 1st July
General Meeting at 7:30pm

Sunday 16th August
The Be-In-It Competition

Sat & Sun 17 & 18th October
Stringybark Festival

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

Stihl Model MSE 180 Electric chain saw. Paid \$490. Sell \$380
EC Joyce Brown 9754 2232

Life's great!!

One night a young man dropped his girlfriend at her home. As they were about to wish each other goodnight at the front door, the young man started feeling a little in the mood.

With an air of confidence, he leaned with his hand against the wall and smiling said "Honey, would you give me a kiss?"
Horrified she replied, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's going to see us at this hour?" he asked, grinning at her.
"No please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on. There's nobody around, they are all sleeping."
"No way, it's just too risky!"
"Oh please, please, I love you so much."

"No, no and no. I love you too, but I just can't."
"Oh yes you can. Please, I'm begging you."

Out of the blue, the light on the stairs went on and the girl's older sister showed up in her pyjamas, hair dishevelled, and in a sleepy voice she said, "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss, or I can do it. If need be, Mum says she can come down and do it, but for God's sake, and all of ours, **TELL HIM TO GET HIS HAND OFF THE BLOODY DOOR BELL!!!!**"

A 2007 study found that the average Australian walks about 1,500 kilometres a year.
Another study found that the average Australian drinks 100 litres of beer a year.
That means that the average Australian gets about 150 kilometres per 100 litres.
Damn good value that!!

Courtesy of Eildon & District Woodworkers Guild Inc