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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's

August report

It looks like the month of August is going to be another busy month, starting with our monthly meeting on Wed. 5th Aug. followed by our next Working Bee on Sat. 8th Aug. then our 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day on Sun. 16th Aug.

I hope your entries for the competition are completed or near completion. Entries can be registered at the following times – Fri. 14th Aug. 6.30pm till 8.30pm or Sat. 15th Aug. 9:30am till 12noon. or Sun. 16th Aug. 9:30am till 11.30am. See notices around the Club for further details. You are requested to bring a plate of food to share, suitable for Afternoon Tea. These can be delivered on Sunday morning or when the Clubrooms are opened at 2.30pm on the day. Peter Horsburgh has again volunteered his expertise in organising the Afternoon Tea. We look forward to seeing you there and it will be an opportunity for you to show your family and friends around our new extension.

Your newsletter this month will have with it a book of raffle tickets for our Stringybark Festival Raffle and a reminder that annual fees will be due on Sept. 1st. We request that you sell at least one book of tickets and return any unsold books or tickets to the treasurer **before** the festival in October.

Our Toy Count now stands at 54 which is still a long way from our target of at least 400 toys for disadvantaged children for Christmas. I would like to thank Dick Webb for his words of encouragement to members at our last meeting to increase their efforts and join into the spirit of our Toy Appeal. I know of a couple of teams of members who have taken on Dick's challenge and have started to make their

contributions. So if you have not started yours join one of these teams or start your own team. The more the better and I am sure the children will appreciate your efforts.

The Sub Committee for our Official Opening of the New Extension and 21st Birthday have met again and have come up with a date for the opening, to be held on the afternoon of Sunday 11th October. It was also decided that due to certain constraints that they were faced with that the Executive Committee be requested to change the Annual General Meeting from the 1st Wed. to the 2nd Wed. in Oct. The request was voted on and accepted at the Executive Committee meeting on Wed 22nd July. **The Annual General Meeting has officially been changed to Wed. 14th October at 7.30pm.**

Our Kids Korner Activities Group are still busy and have an activity for a local cubs group at 6.30 pm on Wed. 12th Aug. and I am sure Peter Horsburgh and his team would appreciate your help on this evening or any of the other 3 bookings they have taken. If you are available put your name on the whiteboard list at the Clubrooms. Our thanks to Peter and his team for their efforts and support.

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

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

Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:
 5th August Ken Rofe talking on "Live Steam".
 2nd September Karl Lutz talking on Reeding/Fluting in wood.

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	Barb McAuley – Care of Injured Possums	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Grand Daughter Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Turned Teddy Bear	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Various Woodturned Items	Stock for various activities sales	In Progress
BoardRoom Table	Our New Office	In Progress
Kids Korner Activity	Fairhills Primary School	Completed
Kids Korner Activity	Boronia Primary School	TBA
Kids Korner Activity	LDS Cubs Group	Wed 12 Aug, 6.30p.m.
Kids Korner Activity	Ringwood Library	TBA
Kids Korner Activity	Belgrave South Cubs	TBA
Placemakers	Plaques for Kindergarten awards	In Planning
1st FTG Scouts	Honour Boards	TBA

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: Colin Craig
Greg Craig

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

Our Members' Welfare

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

Happy Birthday in August!!

Congratulations in August to the following 12 members. We hope you all have a great birthday occasion and a successful year ahead:

Ted Bricker	1 st August
Robert Gaze	2 nd August
Bill Orpen	3 rd August
Thomas Keane	5 th August
Paul aminde	6 th August
Paddy McCann	7 th August
Darrin Matthews	10 th August
Ross McDonald	16 th August
Lindsay Horsley	24 th August
Lindsay Rotherham	25 th August
Pat Jiminez	25 th August
Hughie Gaynor	31 st August

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Club Outing



On The 14th July members of the Wood Workers had a tour of the Puffing Billy Engineering Workshops at Belgrave also a tour of the carriage

workshops at Emerald.

Bill Ireland



The functions performed by Gary Pope

Gary has been generously putting time and effort into creating and maintaining our website for many years now.

Have you visited the Club website lately?

www.alchester.com.au/kdwc

You should make a habit of visiting regularly, as Gary Pope has progressively made improvements to the site and its content over time including photos and latest news and gossip.

One example of a site he has loaded on our KDWC site is the (free) Dovetail template generator at www.blocklayer.com/woodjoints/dovetaileng.aspx You enter dimensions of the wood, number of tails etc and it will create a template image to scale. Print the template, fold over the wood and cut through to form the tails. It's a great way for beginners to learn hand cut dovetails! There's also Japanese Twisted and Radial dovetail templates.

Apart from doing computer consulting to small business, and providing business systems assistance, Gary is a technical and travel itinerary writer for www.Gdaypubs.com.au.

We should consult Gary on possible future Victorian based day trips with (nearby, like 2-4 hrs) travel itineraries that would get members into the often overlooked areas of our great countryside that have historical and/or woodworking significance.

Areas like Noojee with its great trestle bridges, or the Otway Fly and Beech Forest walks in the region. Railways also seem to be of great interest for many woodies with their steam trains and train history.

Naturally, I am sure he would suggest a Pub or two to visit on the day!!

Club Purchasing Officer

Peter Horsburgh has taken on the important new role of Purchasing Officer for the Club.

This will streamline the purchasing function and ensure rapid and timely action is taken when repairs and maintenance are required and when new equipment is necessary.

Remember the AGM on 14th October

Several committee positions will become vacant this year so we need **you** to consider how **you** can help the Club by volunteering to take on functions to keep the Club vibrant and active over the next year.

We need a new Newsletter Editor after October!!

After being the Newsletter Editor since November 2002 I have finally decided to move aside and let someone else take up the reins.

It has been a challenging and exciting time with the newsletter evolving by firstly introducing black and white photos then moving on to colour photos.

With increasing adoption of the internet we have not only sent the colour copy to our members each month, but also sent the newsletter to an increasing number of Clubs throughout Australia via email (and received theirs in return).

**This is an important role as it serves to communicate to all our members each month, even if they do not get the opportunity to attend the Club.
The October issue is my last!!
Who will take on the job?**

Around the Club



Jim Gay is busy having fun making a fascinating series of moveable walking frogs. Well done Jim!

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	- 2:30 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am	- 2:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Thursday	9:30 am	- 2:30 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

Members please note: The Key Holder has the option of varying the closing of the Club rooms and workshop depending on circumstances on the day

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

8 th August	8:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
15 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	“BE IN IT” PREPARATION	
22 nd August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
29 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
5 th September	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 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 5th August
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Ken Rofe talking on “Live Steam”

Saturday 8th August
WORKING BEE – 8am

Saturday 15th August
“BE IN IT” PREPARATION

Sunday 16th August
The Be-In-It Competition

Wednesday 19th August
Committee Meeting at 7:30pm

Wednesday 2nd September
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Karl Lutz talking on “Reeding /Fluting in Wood”

Sun 11th October
21st Birthday Celebration & Official Opening of the New Extensions

Sat & Sun 17 & 18th October
Stringybark Festival

Wednesday 14th October
Annual General Meeting
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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.

Life's great!!

A married businessman was travelling on business with his attractive secretary who had a crush on him. They ended up in a town where there were almost no room vacancies. After a lot of hunting they found a single room available.
The hotel owner agreed to put another bed in the single room with a movable partition between the beds. It had been a long day and they were getting settled to turn in, when the man noticed that the secretary was

making a lot of excuses to keep the conversation going and the light on. Getting up a number of times, turning the light on, and chatting about this and that. Finally, he asked “Would you like to be my wife for tonight?” “Yes” she replied eagerly. **“Then turn out the light and go to sleep” was his reply!**

Airport Control Tower:

“Flight TX235, for noise abatement, please urgently turn right 45°

Flight TX235 to Tower: “We are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?”

Control Tower: “Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?”

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