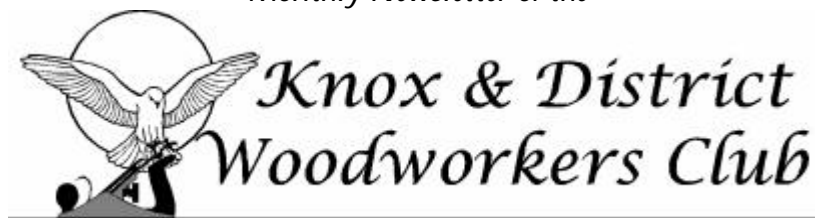


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President's Report-Hurtle Lupton

A very successful toy presentation evening was held in November where over 480 toys were presented to both Knox Infolink and St Vincent de Paul. Both of these organisations were again very pleased to receive these toys which will be distributed to those children in our community who, without the dedication of members of the Knox & District Woodworkers, would have experienced a Christmas without some of the pleasures we take for granted.

A rocking horse and a grand daughter clock were presented to the Victims of Crime Organisation. These items will be utilised to raise funds for victims who have suffered as a result of crime.

Thank you most sincerely to all those club members who over the last 12 months have given so generously of their time to make so many young people in our community experience a joyous Christmas which, without your time and effort, would have been much less enjoyable.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of members who have not paid the annual subscription to the Club. It is most important that fees be paid as soon as possible to enable your Club to continue to operate and provide you with the equipment that is necessary for you to fulfill your ambitions as a member of the Knox & District Woodworkers.

The next working bee will be held on Saturday 4th December commencing at 8am. Your attendance would be very much

appreciated, as it will be necessary to clean the premises before we hold our Christmas spit roast.

Our annual Christmas spit roast will be held on the evening of Saturday 4th December at the Clubrooms. The cost for a very nice spit roast and sweets is only \$16 per head, where a good night will be guaranteed. At the conclusion of the spit roast it is only a very short walk to the Ferntree Gully football oval where the Council's Carols by Candle Light will be held. A great way to finish a very nice family evening!

Bookings for the spit roast are now open, your name and money can be left in the box immediately under the attendance book

The Clubrooms will close for the Christmas break on Friday 17th December and reopen on Monday 17th January.

I extend all members and their families your Committee's best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to enjoying your friendship again in 2011.

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Note From The Editor

My apologies for the change in format and for the omission of some of the regular inclusions from this month's "INGRAINED". Unfortunately, the hard drive on my Mac has crashed, and I have been forced to compile this month's Newsletter on my wife's PC. At this time, I am unable to access any of the files on my backup drive, so the photos that would have been included this month will have to be held over for the February Newsletter, which (I fervently hope) should be back to its usual format.

-Editor
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Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st November

- Monthly Meeting commencing 7:30 pm.
- ANNUAL AUCTION- bring and take home that useful junk - oops ! Sorry - useful goodies!
- BBO from 6:00 pm under the auspices of Chef Lupton.
- LAST chance to pay for Christmas Break-up! \$16.00 per head, children under 12, \$8.00.

Saturday 4th December

- Working Bee from 8:00 am.
- Christmas Break-up.

Friday 17th December

- Last day that Club is open for 2010.

Monday 17th January

- First day that Club is open for 2011.

Wednesday 20th January

- Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February

- Monthly Meeting commencing 7:30 pm.

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Members' Welfare

Best wishes to Peter Sleeman for a full and speedy recovery.

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Happy Birthdays in December

David Jamieson	2nd December
Alan Peach	5th December
Adrian Porcaro	5th December
Christopher Betts	12th December
Tony Truett	12th December
Anne-Maria Plevier	18th December
Peter Horsburgh	25th December
Dick Webb	25th December

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

Around the Club

The November Meeting saw the presentation of 478 toys to representatives of a number of local charities. The recipients included Knox Infolink, represented by Kathryn Sheeden, the Victims of Crime Association, represented by Noel and Bev McNamara, and St. Vincent de Paul, represented by Gordan Veraswami and Jenny Keating.

Members of the Wantirna Heights Girl Guide Group were present at the toy presentation, having purchased and built many of our Kids' Korner kits and then donated them to the Toy Appeal. Their effort and generosity was appreciated by all.

“Show and Tell” saw Joe Semenow unveil his magnificent Nativity scene, resplendent with hand painted ceramic figures and electric lighting. This was obviously a labour of love which has occupied his talents for over two decades.

Tom Coghlan presented us with a fascinating and informative dissertation on the methods he uses to create laminated turnings. I think that he surprised more than a few of us when he revealed that he utilised super-glue in many of his joints.

During November a small group of Members attended the Ringwood Public Library where Gavin Betts presented a dolls house to librarian Hilda Gregory. Gavin built the house, and Colin Stewart constructed the furniture.

Our old Oak thickener has been donated to the Westernport Men's Shed, and now resides there, awaiting its installation. It is most gratifying to see our old workhorse going to a good home where it will be well appreciated.

The Club has been invited to exhibit at the Steam Traction Rally over the March 2011 long-weekend. Those willing and able to take part should speak to Bill Ireland. We'll put out another call with more precise details closer to the date.

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Most of us take advantage of the Club's dust extraction system when we use any of the machines, but have you really thought about what happens to that wood waste when it leaves that piece of timber? “Why,” I hear you say, “it goes into those big plastic bags on that big vacuum cleaner thingy in the sanding shed!”

And then?

Some members have to transfer that sawdust from the expensive custom-made bags to cheaper disposable plastic bags, which must then be placed with the other waste drums near the Clubroom door for later collection.

And who does this?

Lately this task has fallen on the heads of a very few Members, by default. Recently, the bags were so full that there was sawdust about a third of the way up the canvas filter bags. Not only did the bags need to be emptied, but the three Members who carried out the task had a lot of shovelling and sweeping to do when the contents of one of the top bags spilled out onto the floor.

Around the Club (cont)

Could we please ask that Members using the Club's machines take the time to check the dust-extractor bags and either empty them when they are over half-full, or at least inform the keyholder so that he can organise their emptying. The disposable bags are kept in the Clubroom, and the process is a two-person job.

As with any maintenance issues around the Clubroom, we ask that you please don't just walk away. If it is minor and easily and safely addressed and you feel confident to do so, then please fix it. Empty the vacuum cleaner, tighten that loose screw, but if it is something that you don't feel competent to tackle, then REPORT IT TO THE KEYHOLDER so that it can be fixed.

It's just common sense....



And finally, the usual reminder.

- ❑ Scan all timber (new and old) with the metal detector before being passed through any of the Club's machines.
- ❑ Inspect all timber for non-metallic contaminants such as dirt or stones.
- ❑ If second-hand timber is dirty, then sand it clean before passing it through a machine.
- ❑ Remove all paint from timber at home.
- ❑ Do not leave keys in chucks – it is an extremely dangerous practice.
- ❑ Please have regard for your fellow Members and leave equipment in a clean and safe condition.



Humour

Kulula is a low-cost South-African airline with head office situated in Johannesburg .

Kulula airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

On a Kulula flight, (there is no assigned seating, you sit where you want) passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On another flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane."

"Thank you for flying Kulula. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban Airport , a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in the Karoo , a flight

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attendant on a flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

From a Kulula employee: " Welcome aboard Kulula 271 to Port Elizabeth. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child travelling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one small child, pick your favourite."

Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Kulula Airlines."

"Your seats cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses.."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Kulula Airlines is

pleased to announce that we have some of

the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

On Kulula flight 255 just after a very hard landing in Cape Town, the flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault. It was the asphalt."

On a Kulula flight into Cape Town on a particularly windy and bumpy day, during the final approach the Captain really had to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to The Mother City. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying our airline." He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sir, do you mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why, no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land, or were we shot down?"

After a real crusher of a landing in Johannesburg, the attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we will open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal.."

Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of Kulula Airways."

Heard on a Kulula flight: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing. If you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

Kalula Airlines actually does exist, and it is well worth a "Google" to have a look at their latest colour scheme. It's sure to make you smile.

Members Discounts

The Following Suppliers Offer Discounts to Members.

- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tech.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Hare & Forbes.
- Hobby Tools Australia.
- Pop's Shed.
- Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
- The Wodworking Warehouse.

Saturday Morning Roster

There is no Saturday Morning Roster for December. The Clubrooms will be closed aside from Saturday December 4th, for the Working Bee and Christmas Break-Up!

Weekly Workshop hours and keyholders

Weekly Workshop hours will be listed in the February "Ingrained". Workshops are expected to be as per the November timetable with the exception of the Friday morning Fine Furniture Group which will no longer operate. The Thursday evening Group will, however, continue to function.

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$22.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails – 500 gm (2" x 12G)	\$2.00
Pen Kits	\$4.00

The Committee would like to extend to All Members the very best of good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!