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President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

Your Committee is currently investigating the various methods of filtering the air in both the wood turning and the workshop areas for the collection of the fine dust particles currently not being collected in the most efficient manner by our existing system.

Again the thicknesser has been abused by a Club member. This time timber with some nails was run through the machine causing damage to both the cutters and also the bed resulting in the bed having to have the grooves removed. This is a result of pure carelessness by an irresponsible member.

Unfortunately we have had to place a number of notices on the thicknesser in an attempt to stop the damage to the machine, please take the time to read these notices and follow the advice thereon. This latest damage was caused by a person not checking the timber with the metal detector. If damage continues to occur on this machine it may become necessary to only allow

use of the thicknesser under the supervision of the key holder. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

For some time now we have been very fortunate to have been able to borrow the Knox City Council trailer when it has been necessary to collect donated timber. On some occasions this trailer has not been available and it has become necessary to rely on a member's generosity for the use of their trailer. Of course this is not always been convenient for the member as on many occasions the trailer has had to be emptied before it could be used by the Club.

It has been decided that the Club will purchase a 7x4 trailer. If any member has a trailer of this size and would like to sell it to the Club could they please contact Bill Ireland, ☎ 9758 6601 to discuss further!

The following email has been received and is offering a Club member the opportunity of

teaching secondary students basic wood working skills while being paid.

I am writing on behalf of Bayswater Secondary College and wondering whether you can help. A group of Year 10 students from Bayswater SC would like to learn woodworking, however the school currently does not have a woodwork teacher, but does have a fully equipped woodworking room.

They would like to pilot an 8-10 week program, commencing in July, to help skill these young people in wood work. They are seeking assistance in finding a woodwork facilitator (doesn't require qualifications, just a basic skill level and interest in helping young people) for this period of time. They do have a small budget to pay for their time. If you have anyone interested in this project could you please contact me on 9298 8465 or email carine.rowlands@knox.vic.gov.au . Due to funding reasons, it is a rather urgent request.

If any member is interested in accepting this position could they please contact Carine Rowland as per above.

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday 9th April, I look forward to seeing as many members as possible on that day.



Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th April

Monthly Meeting.

Guest Speaker - Carl Lutz

Operating our Powematic thicknesser

Saturday 9th April

Working Bee.

Wednesday 20th April

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 4th May

Monthly Meeting.



Members Welfare

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those of our members in ill health.



Happy Birthdays in April

The very best of Birthday wishes to

Ken Rivett	2nd April
Paul Lucas	3rd April
John Foster	4th April
Colin Stewart	4th April
Les Gallagher	7th April
Noel Rippon	7th April
Marinus (Mac) Hoogenboom	8th April
Peter Hayes	10th April
Ray Easthope	16th April
Sergio Meilak	17th April
Marion McMurtrie	18th April
Jacqueline Wilson	22nd April
Bill Ireland	25th April
Brian Douds	26th April



Around the Club

The first weekend of March saw the annual **Knox Festival**. As usual the Knox Woodies were well represented on a glorious Autumn weekend.



This Festival, along with the Stringybark Festival (15th-16th October) is a major source of income for the Club. Extra volunteers are always in demand, so please pop the date in your calendar and try to lend a hand in October.



Young Max from Ferntree Gully was an early customer on the Kids' Corner stall where Ted Gilbee helped him to assemble his racing car.

and Bill Ireland (who took the accompanying photos). The three raised \$153.00 for the Club.



Guess the Club Member! No prize other than the satisfaction of demonstrating your powers of observation. Answer in next month's issue.



Bruce Allen and Bill Ireland helped out.



The Basin Music Festival saw the Club represented by Eric Butterfield, Henk Eysens

From one parent who visited the Knox Festival, we received the following email:-

Hi,

I just wanted to congratulate you on the work you did at the Knox Festival. I took my 2 daughters on Sunday & they both chose a kit to build. They really enjoyed helping to build with your workers. They are both very proud of their projects & have told everyone that they helped to build it.

The gentlemen that helped them were fantastic, they were very patient and did a wonderful job.

Thank you so much for contributing to my girls having a wonderful day.

Kind regards
Kim Holland.

alleviating the load from those few diehards who do the brunt of the work for the Club.



**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
- Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as a
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From the Soapbox

There has been yet another incident of abuse of our Powermatic thicknesser. Some stupid or just bloody-minded person has fed a piece of timber containing at least three **protruding nails** through the machine several times, resulting in deep scoring to the cast iron table, and the chipping of one cutter.



This has resulted in the necessity to grind the table smooth with an oilstone to prevent the raised edges of the grooves from marring other peoples work. This would not have happened if the timber had been scanned with one of the four metal detectors that the Club possesses! I think that the selfish action by this member is totally contemptible. The witness marks on the rear table roller indicate that the nails were actually protruding from the timber through several passes. The member has not used the metal detector and has not even visually inspected the timber before committing what amounts to an act of vandalism on this



The Club has purchased a new, 21 inch **Excalibur** scrollsaw for the use of Members.

The saw takes pinless blades only, and some spare ones can be found in the white box under the unit. If you are at all serious a b o u t y o u r



scrollsawing, then you would be wise to purchase your own blades as the Club is only supplying a couple of sizes. Instructions for changing blades, together with a chart of common blade types and sizes, can be found on the laminated card accompanying the machine. Blade tensioning is automatic via the white lever at the front of the blade holder, and the black knob at the rear of the arm **should not be used for blade tensioning as this will damage the saw**. This knob is for setting the arm height only.



There are only a limited number of more sleeps to Christmas (and to the Stringybark Festival), so can all Members endeavor to help out by constructing at least one item for the Christmas appeal, or for sale at the two annual Festivals. One item from each Member would go far in

beautiful piece of machinery. Whoever you are, I hope that you are totally ashamed of your selfish act!

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I would like to bring to everyone's attention the need to take care of our work surfaces. Accumulations of glue, paint, etc., can easily ruin the surface of someone's prized project, so please clean up glue spillages while they are still wet, and place newspaper or plastic under glue-ups and when painting, to prevent unnecessary marring of our work-surfaces. The Club has plastic sheeting available for this purpose.

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“Out of Order” signs are presenting minor problems. If you observe a fault in a piece of equipment, by all means attach an “Out of Order” sign, but also advise the Keyholder or a member of the Committee what the problem is, and if possible place a note on the machine, advising what the problem is (eg. machine making noise, wobble in blade, headstock loose, etc.). Please, do not remove “Out of Order” signs unless you are authorised to do so.

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I believe that a few words need to be said about respect. It is unfortunately a practice of a small minority of Members to be critical and judgmental of others in the Club. The old adage about “not judging me until you’ve walked a mile in my shoes” is worth applying. I have heard members criticised for “not pulling their weight” or not contributing enough to the Club, Many of our Members suffer ill-health, have debilitating medical conditions, or have significant commitments outside the Club, etc., any of which may prevent high levels of participation in Club projects. Ultimately, this is a Club to which we all **choose** to belong, not a business of which we are employees with a work obligation.

Finally, if you find yourself at loggerheads with another Member, try to see their point of view and exercise tolerance. After all, woodworking

for us is a hobby and we are all in it for the enjoyment that it brings to us.

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Luigi, a perpetual bachelor, owned one of the biggest and fastest-growing businesses in Miami, a furniture manufacturing shop. Friends convinced him that he needed to take a trip to Italy to check out the latest trends there, and maybe he could meet an available young Italian woman at the same time.

As he was checking into a hotel he struck up an acquaintance with a beautiful young lady. She only spoke Italian and he only spoke English--neither understood a word the other spoke. So he took out a pencil and a notebook and drew a picture of a taxi. She smiled, nodded her head and they went for a ride in the park. Later, he drew a picture of a table in a restaurant with a question mark and she nodded. So they went to dinner.

After dinner he sketched two dancers and she was delighted. They went to several nightclubs, drank champagne, danced and had a glorious evening. It had gotten quite late when she motioned for the pencil and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

He was dumbfounded. To this day he says that he's never been able to understand how she knew he was in the furniture manufacturing business.

Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

Monday	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	TBA	
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Carvers	Laurie Ham	9720 1995
Tuesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	General Access	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Thursday	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Fred Sutton	9754 4425
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Rocking Horses	Tony Truett	9873 2847
			Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Roster

April 2011 - 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

NOTE: If no members have arrived by 10-30 am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Clubrooms.

2	Brian Douds	9758 6103
9	WORKING BEE	
16	Closed	
23	Closed - Easter	
30	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

Members Discounts

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.

Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.

Carba-Tec.

Ferntree Gully Bolts.

Hobby Tools Australia.

Pop's Shed.

Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.

Woodworking Machinery Specialists.

The Woodworking Warehouse.

Current Community Support Activites

Project	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids For Christmas	Continually in progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs & Stools	CPEC	As Required
Various Turnings	Stock for Festivals, etc.	In progress
Kids Korner Kits	Kids Korner Activities	Continuous
Possum Boxes	Knox Council	Completed
Stand	Church, Upper FTG	
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In progress
Goblets	Knox Festival	Completed
500 "Dunny Doors"	Stringybark Festival KCC Project	Completed
Hall Table	Knox Festival	Complete
Garden Setting	Community Nursery	Completed

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$22.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G)	\$2.00