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## *Your Committee for 2011*

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### **President's Report - Hurtle Lupton**

Sorry to be continuing on about the thicknesser, but it has again been damaged. Your Committee is unable to believe that there is any one member who has not heard, or read about the damage that has occurred, and our pleading for members to be careful about the timber that is run through this machine. Three times within seven weeks for an expensive machine to be damaged to this extent is a record that we should not be proud of.

As advised in last months Newsletter, we are going to limit the use of the thicknesser to the Key Holder and the person that they delegated. The new keys to the thicknesser have now arrived and are being distributed to the respective key holders. When all Key Holders have been issued with a key, the one in the key cupboard will be removed. In future any person wanting to use the thicknesser will have to approach the key holder who will then ensure prior to the timber being put through the machine that timber has been checked with

the metal detector. Once that timber has been run through the thicknesser it will again be locked until the next person wishing to use the machine requests the key holder to unlock it, and so on.

It must be remembered that the Key Holder is not expected to drop whatever he or she is doing so that thicknesser can be used. It will be at the Key Holder's discretion and convenience when the thicknesser is to be used.

Your Committee has been forced to take this drastic action because of the ongoing misuse of the thicknesser.

The Committee has welcomed John Jackson as a new Committee member. John is replacing Fred Sutton who has moved to the country. John will be a valuable asset to the Committee.

Investigation into the installation of an efficient dust filtration system is continuing, with three quotes currently under consideration.

**Important Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 1st June**

Monthly Meeting - 7:30 pm.  
Guest Speaker - Don Horsburgh from the Puffing Billy Preservation Society.

**Saturday 4th June**

Working Bee- from 8:00 am.

**Wednesday 22 June**

Committee Meeting - 7:30 pm.

**Wednesday 6th July**

Monthly Meeting - 7:30 pm.

**18th & 19th July**

Australian Woodturning Exhibition at the Whitehorse Centre - Competition Entries close 27th May.

**Sunday 14th August**

“Be In It” Competition - 2:00 pm.

**Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September**

Stringybark Festival.



**Members Welfare**

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



**Happy Birthdays in June**

The very best of Birthday wishes to

John Wright	1st June
Kevin Gilders	3rd June
Jim Lobley	8th June
Bent Holst-Jensen	8th June
John Darcy	13th June
Dan Goldfarb	17th June
David Bull	19th June
Eric Butterfield	21st June
Peter Wakefield	25th June
Bruce Allen	29th June
Laurie Ham	29th June



**Around the Club**

Members should please note that the **Working Bee** has been moved forward to the 4th of June, to avoid clashing with the Queen’s Birthday weekend. All Members who are able to attend will be most welcome. This is when much of

the maintenance on our facilities is carried out, ranging from cleaning, sorting and maintenance on equipment, and relocation of machines, etc. Most of the work is light, and is made easier when there are more of us willing to pitch in. The fun begins at 8.00 am.

Following the resignation of Fred Sutton, who has move to Warragul, **John Jackson** has kindly agreed to take his place on the Committee.



At the May meeting **Bent Holst-Jensen** “**Showed and Told**” about a rack that he had constructed for holding lawn bowling balls.



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

The **“Be-In-It” Competition** is on again this year, on 14th August at 2:00 pm. It would be most rewarding if every Member could enter at least one item, even if you are unable to attend on the day. This is the one opportunity of the year where we can see what everyone else in the Club has been doing, and to meet other Members that we may not have met before. There will be ample time to submit entries leading up to the day, so most of you will have no excuse for entering at least one item.

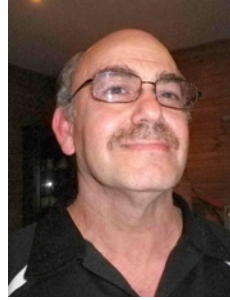


Peter Horsburgh is coordinating the event and will need volunteers to help him. You should also get out your recipe books, as Members should each bring a plate on the day. In past “Be-In-It” Competitions these contributions have bordered on a veritable feast!

**Bill Ireland** is your contact if you require a Membership card. Members should first check the card racks next to the toilets to make sure that a card has not already been created for them. If you still require a card, then a note in Bill’s pigeon-hole in the office will get the ball rolling.

**Nick Wakeling**, State Member for Parliament for Ferntree Gully, is scheduled to visit the Clubrooms on Monday, 30th May. Nick has been a long-time supporter of the Knox Woodies, and Monday provides a good opportunity for those who would like to meet him.

Our illustrious treasurer, **Serge Meilak**, has requested that, when paying for items such as timber, Club caps, screws, etc., you place the money in an envelope and write on it your name, the amount, and what it is for (eg. \$12.00 for Club cap). The envelope should be placed in the red honesty box or in the locked, perspex-fronted box below the sign-in book. Without this information it is impossible for Serge to maintain accurate accounts for the Club.



As we no longer have ready access to the Council owned trailer, the Club has purchased a new 7’x5’ trailer. At present it is being housed in the wood store. The trailer is for Club-related use only. The logbook is in the office.



Due to a lack of interest, **Laurie Ham** has elected to discontinue his Carving Group. A thanks must go to Laurie for persevering for so long. The Clubroom will continue to remain open on Thursday nights, for the Fine Furniture Group.

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Kylie McBain from the **Basin Community House** has sent us the following letter.

*Hi,  
My name is Kylee McBain and I am the childcare coordinator at The Basin Community House. I really want to boost our numbers and promote wood work with my primary school age children. I was wondering if anyone from your organisation has the time (and patience!) to volunteer their time to help the children with a woodwork project for an hour or so a week until the project is complete. I was hoping they could lead and assist the children to build a doll house ( I have found a blue print from the Bunnings website) Please let me know if you can think of anyone who may be interested.*

*Muchly appreciated*

*Kylee McBain*

*ph 9762 2357*

Anyone willing to volunteer in helping these children in the building of a doll's house should contact Kylee direct, as well as letting the Committee know.

As there was no interest shown by Members in the McPherson/Woodfast fixed-arm scrollsaw, the machine has been donated to the **Flinders Men's Shed**.



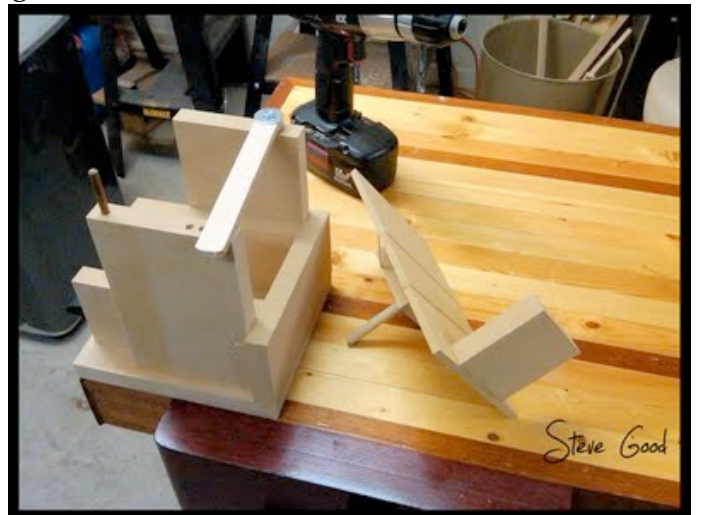
**Gary Pope** has recommended a magical website that Members should find fascinating. Gary has submitted the following:

## Historical Woodworking Tools



Peter McBride is a Jeweller and skilled in the making of specialty wood working tools. He has a tremendous collection (virtually a private museum!) of historical tools. Amongst some of his finest work are miniatures he has made. An example is at: <http://www.petermcbride.com/miniature/>. He specialises in block planes, and is an avid member of the Historical Tools Association, and well known to Laurie Ham. His website makes excellent reading, and he is a very open, and sharing person of his knowledge and skills.

Steve Good has recently posted a clever idea for a very useful device on his brilliant website, at <http://scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com/> It is a device that all of us would use and be grateful for. I highly recommend that you visit Steve's great site to find out more about it.



The number of **Christmas Toys** completed, currently stands at 56. If you are looking for a worthwhile project or two, please come down on a Thursday to help this dedicated group, or if Thursday's not an option, then make a toy or two when you can, at home or at the Club. Contact John Jackson if you need ideas or help with this.



### From the Soapbox

**A Fairy Godmother is wanted, to empty dust extractor bags!** Failing one of these creatures



showing up, could Members please check the bags, and if they need emptying then get someone to help, and do this onerous task. Dick Web has regularly (and kindly) done this in the past, but since Dick has been away, no one has bothered. It is not reasonable to leave this

responsibility solely to one Member!



It has come to our attention that the two hand-held **metal detectors** show very poor performance in dealing with brass, in many cases not detecting it at all. It is essential that all members do a careful visual inspection of all timber, and not rely solely on the metal detector. Stones and dirt, invisible to the detector, can cause substantial damage to our machines.



As mentioned by Hurtle in his President's Report, damage has again been inflicted on our \$10,000 plus thicknesser. The use of the metal detector is **MANDATORY** on all timber going through this machine. Even new timber can have staples present. Timber **MUST BE VISUALLY CHECKED** for foreign matter, and especially for brass fasteners, stones, dirt and paint. Dirt must be brushed off and paint completely removed prior to passing the timber through the thicknesser. The two photographs

below show paint residue and a damaged cutter on the head, and grooves cut in the cast iron table, all as a result of negligence.



The key to the thicknesser no longer resides in the key-cabinet, but is in the possession of each Key Holder. **Please, think before using this, or any other machine!**



### Humour

A young boy around seven years old got separated from his father at a large woodworking show. Remembering what his parents had told him to do in such a situation he approached a security guard and reported that he had lost his dad.

"What's he like?" the security guard inquired.

"Mom says beer and women." the boy replied.



A Termite walked into a pub and asked, "Where's the bar tender?"



**Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders**

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103
			Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	General Access	Ray Norton	9763 5728
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
<b>Friday</b>	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**

June 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*

<b>4</b>	<b>WORKING BEE</b>	<b>From 8:00 am.</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Ray Norton</b>	<b>9763 5720</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Brian Douds</b>	<b>9758 6103</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Dick Webb</b>	<b>9887 5310</b>

**Members Discounts**

*The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.*

**Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.**

**Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.**

**Carba-Tec.**

**Ferntree Gully Bolts.**

**Hobby Tools Australia.**

**Mitre-10 - Bayswater.**

**Pop's Shed.**

**Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.**

**Woodworking Machinery Specialists.**

**The Woodworking Warehouse.**

**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

**Current Community Support Activites**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Status</b>
Toys	Disadvantaged	Continually
	Kids For Christmas	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
Bench Seat	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Clock	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Garden Setting	Community Nursery	Completed

