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Vice-President's Report - Hughie Gaynor

Firstly, may I record that the ongoing message (some say we have been ranting on and on) in terms of using the Thicknesser properly by following the mandatory procedures must be getting through. Our intrepid "baby sitter" of the machine, Lindsay Horsley, who has put his heart and soul into educating Members for months on it's proper operation, was delighted to report that for the first time since it was purchased no damage or misuse was evident. Keep up the good work, and if by chance you happen to notice a member who is not doing the right thing when using it, both I and the Committee, are confident that we will be able to rely on your intervention in "crystalising their vision". After all, it is provided for the use of all members who rightly should have a fair degree of confidence that it will be available at all times when they want to use it. Whilst it is pleasing to report that no damage has occurred the current requirement for the Key Holder to inspect the timber, etc., etc., will remain.

Instead of the old adage of put another log on the fire or have a hot toddy to keep out the July wet and cold, Hurtle has seen the light, and by the time the Newsletter goes to press he and his darling will be back after enjoying a well earned break in sunny, warm Queensland.

As you are aware, negotiations with the Knox City Council are ongoing relative to the Club being granted permission to use the adjacent bay of the former Placemakers. Until this issue is resolved the proposed purchase/installation of the dust extraction System is on a temporary hold, however, if you have any great ideas or want to live the dream of having a more spacious Workshop/Machine/Turning/Sanding area, please let any Committee member know of your thoughts.

Volunteers Required.

You would be all aware that Charles Bruckner has announced that he intends to stand down from his role of Secretary at the October AGM. To date we have not received any show of

interest from any Member willing to volunteer as his replacement. In addition, we have not received any interest from Members willing to inject some "new blood" by coming onto the general Committee, and I again appeal for any Member to give this matter some serious consideration. If I can do it, then might I suggest that the task is not too difficult, and you can rest assured that if you have any queries you are welcome to see me or any other Committee person.

Let's not forget one small, but very important issue – "If it was not for the foresight and hard work from previous Committee Members you would not be enjoying the current facilities and low costs of being a Member of The Knox Woodies".

Please be aware of some important August Diary Dates. On **Saturday 13th August** there is a **Working Bee** starting at 8.00am to get the whole place in top order for the "**Be in it**" **Competition on Sunday 14th August**. Thanks to Peter Horsburg's efforts this event has been resurrected from the ashes, so all you budding "beenatree manipulators" see Peter for details of the categories you may wish to enter your treasure/hard work for judging.



Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd August

Monthly Meeting - 7:30 pm.
Guest Speaker - Barry McDermott, talking about his box jigs for creating finger joints.

Friday 12th August

Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It"
Competition - 10:00 am to 12 noon
and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Saturday 13th August

WORKING BEE - 8:00 am onwards.
Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It"
Competition - 9:00 am to 12 noon.

Sunday 14th August

Drop-off of entries for "Be-In-It"
Competition - 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
"Be In It" Competition - 2:00 pm.
Please bring a Plate for afternoon tea.

Wednesday 24 August

Committee Meeting - 7:30 pm.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October

Stringybark Festival.

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October

Timber & Working with Wood Show.
Melbourne Showgrounds.



Members Welfare

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



Happy Birthdays in August

The very best of Birthday wishes to

Ted Bricker	1st August
Robert Gaze	2nd August
Bill Orpen	3rd August
Thomas Keane	5th August
Paul Aminde	6th August
Paddy McCann	7th August
John Emptage	12th August
Steven Knight	13th August
Ross McDonald	16th August
Lindsay Horsley	24th August
Pat Jiminez	25th August
Lindsay Rotherham	25th August
Hughie Gaynor	31st August



Around the Club

Coinciding with the eve of the "Be-In-It" Competition is our **August Working Bee**. Members who are able to attend on the 13th will be able to help with maintenance, repairs, relocation of equipment and cleaning as well as, on this occasion, the setting up of the Clubroom for Sunday's event. The fun begins at 8:00 am, and we are usually finished the work by about 11:00, though the Clubroom will remain open until 12:00 for the dropping-off of Entries.



There was an **error** in last month's note about fees, that needs to be corrected. The joining fee is \$50.00, not \$55.00, and should have read, "New Members joining the Club on or after March 1st in any year will now pay the joining fee (currently \$50.00) plus half the annual fee of (currently) \$65.00, i.e.. \$32.50). New Members joining prior to March 1st shall pay the full fees."

Volunteers are needed to help man our stand at the Healesville Railway Heritage Festival on 24th & 25th September. Please see Bill Ireland if you can help out.

Members' badges are generally issued within 1 to 2 weeks of joining, and are put straight onto the badge racks adjacent to the toilets. They are in no particular order, so you will need to do a bit of a search. If your badge has not made its way to the rack within 2 weeks, then Bill Ireland is the man to see, but don't badger him!

As mentioned in Hughie's Report, **Charles Bruckner** is stepping down as Club Secretary at the October Meeting. Charles has been a stalwart of the Club for many years and deserves a vote of thanks for the enormous effort that he has put into the Knox Woodies. Someone is needed to fill this important role, so if you are interested in taking up the cudgel then please talk to Charles, or to any of the other Committee Members.



If the role of Secretary seems too onerous but you would still like to participate more actively in the running of the Club, then please give thought to nominating for one of the other Committee positions.

The **September Newsletter** will not be emailed to Members, but will be available from the

Clubroom as a hard copy, along with the raffle tickets for the Stringybark Festival. Those desirous of an electronic copy will still be able to download it from the Website.

The annual **Timber & Working with Wood Show** is coming up in October, and the Organisers have indicated that individual Club Members are eligible for a \$13.00 admission or \$11.00 each with a group booking of 10 or more, if there is enough interest.

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At the July Meeting, **John Chan** presented yet another of his projects, this time a wooden top.



John generously provided copies of the plans for the toy, and if you missed out, they can also be downloaded from the Club's website.



Max Holt gave a brief talk about the adjustable stools that he makes to aid Cerebral Palsy sufferers. Max has made approximately 380 stools to date!



Alan Peach gave an explanation on “ringing the wheel”. When changing the wheels on any bench grinder, it is essential to perform a “ring test”. A damaged or cracked wheel can explode, so if you missed Alan’s talk or are uncertain as to how to “ring the wheel”, then ask for help. All grinding wheels can break, therefore do not stand directly in front of the wheels when starting the grinder. Alan also discussed the amount of shank that should be inserted into a drill chuck. The answer is halfway, as the lower half is hardened and hence is more likely to cause belling of the jaws.



The guest speaker was **Mick Tabot**, who gave an informative and insightful account of his experiences in Christchurch following the recent devastating earthquake. Hearing the disaster described first hand in this way certainly brought home the extent and the profundity of the devastation with the complete destruction of every part of the City’s infrastructures. Following the talk, Mick was presented with one of **John Emptage’s** beautiful pens in appreciation.



Jim Lobley asked us what this was. A number of us guessed that it was wood, with the more knowledgeable suggesting that it was Myrtle.



Knox Mayor, **Sue McMillan** visited the Club on the morning of Monday, 4th July to see our facilities and to meet Members. Cr. McMillan, who has also kindly agreed to assist in the judging of the “Be-In-It” Competition, was also presented with one of John’s pens.



The Christmas toy count now stands at 157, so please, pitch in and help if you can.

We have just received verbal approval from the Council for the Club to have the use of one additional bay. A subcommittee is looking into how it will be utilised.



From the Soapbox

While it is gratifying to see more care being taken with the **thicknesser**, there is one precaution that Members can take to ensure better results when using the machine.



The two table rollers are prone to jamming due to chip buildup. Before using the machine, rotate the rollers by hand, and if they do not rotate freely, use compressed

air directed up from beneath to clear the chips. Make sure that you protect your eyes as you do this. Do not use metal tools to clear away debris or to clean the rollers, as they are easily scratched!



The **metal detector** will not pick-up the presence of stones, dirt, and small brass fasteners. This example was found in the Club's timber rack, so please, do make a visual inspection as well as using the metal detector.



One Monday, a couple of weeks ago, I witnessed a Member arriving shortly before midday. He only stayed 10 minutes, just long enough to use the saw-bench. It was a pity that he didn't stay for 12 minutes. Then he could have cleaned up his own mess instead of leaving it to others. Please, **clean up after yourself!**



Please be considerate when **parking** at the Club. All too frequently we see Members' cars parked in the middle of a space that could otherwise be occupied by two cars.

Finally, another great online woodworking resource, kindly sent to us by **Nancy Phillips**. Thank you, Nancy. This one is fantastic!

<http://www.qualifiedhardware.com/door-hardware-woodturning.html>



**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
- Member for Ferntree Gully
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Silver Surfers Wisdom

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Eric grinned.... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.

So I wrote down.....ID10T.

I used to like Eric, the little bastard.



Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

Monday	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103
			Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
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	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	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

August 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

Note: All Members are welcome to access the Clubrooms at any of the above times.

Current Community Support Activites

6	Ray Norton	9763 5728
13	Working Bee	
20	Brian Douds	9762 3323
27	Dick Webb	9887 5310

Project	Recipient	Status
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
Outdoor Table	Monash Special School	In progress
Bench Seat	Stringybark Festival	Completed
Clock	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Round Table	Stringybark Festival	In progress

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