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# President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

Thank you to all of those members who gave up their own personal time to attend the Knox



Festival. It was verv pleasing to see the number of members who turned up to assist with Kidz Korner. It was also pleasing to see the number of young and new members who made

themselves available on the festival days. Bruce Allen had purchased a small battery powered screwdriver which proved to be a great success both for the kids and the members at the festival and as a result the club will purchase six of these screwdrivers for use at the festivals and events which the club attend.



Alongside the new drum sander a notice has been erected advising on the correct method of using this machine. Please take the time to read these instructions, they have been designed to protect you by ensuring that you use the sander correctly. At this point in time we are going through a large amount of expensive sandpaper because of people using this machine incorrectly.

The new pedestal drill has just been delivered, will be assembled over coming days and should be available for use in the very near future.

At the last monthly meeting mention was made about the way the eating area is being left dirty with crumbs, cakes and biscuits being left on the table at the conclusion of the day's operation. This results in the table being found with ants crawling over the food and the tables. There is also the situation where the sink is left full of dirty dishes. Unfortunately we do not have a fairy that comes into the club to wash and dry these dishes or indeed clean up the tables after members have gone home. It costs the club approximately \$100 a month to provide tea, coffee, milk and biscuits etc for you, the member, to have a cuppa and enjoy the social aspect of the club. Unfortunately, if the kitchen and eating area continue to be left dirty then reluctantly the club WILL NO LONGER CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE ITEMS.

Your committee is again appealing for volunteers to assist in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the clubs existence. Please see a committee member if you are interested, it is your club after all.

Please do not park your car in the area that is signed "Council Vehicle Only". When the Council visit they expect to be able to park in their allocated area.

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#### \*\*\* Donations to the Club \*\*\*

During the year members of the public often visit the clubrooms or telephone offering the club various items (tools, sand paper, etc) which they apparently have no further use for. These items are being donated to the club, for club use.

If the club does not have use for these items they are advertised in the monthly newsletter to enable members to submit an offer for a particular item. The committee then makes a decision as to who has offered the best price, and the member is advised that he/she has been successful. The money from the sale is then placed into the club's bank account for the benefit of all club members.

A letter of thanks is sent from the secretary to the person who has made the donation in order that everything is transparent for all to see.

It has come to the committee's attention that recently a person came to the clubrooms and offered the club certain items of equipment. It is alleged that a member offered to purchase these items direct from the donor. Allegedly some sort of exchange was made resulting in the equipment going to a club member thereby bypassing the club's established policy.

This practice is unacceptable for the reasons stated above.

Effective immediately, if it is found that this type of behaviour happens again disciplinary action will be taken against any member which may result in the member's suspension or their membership revoked. ..... YOUR COMMITTEE







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

#### **New HAND-TOOLS!**

Many of the older hand tools have now been replaced with brand spanking newies! Please



take pains to treat these tools with respect, as their replacement cost was far from inconsequential.

..... Lindsay

#### KDWC Monthly Speaker Register

Did you know our website has a feature that let's 'would-be' speakers introduce themselves and request entry on a register? Well Paul Lucas started this some time back, and we had a request this month from LIVOS Australia. If their topic is of interest, let the committee know, and they can be asked. They provide natural eco friendly alternatives to conventional synthetics, and are cert foodsafe, and can demonstrate how to achieve premium finishes to furniture. Take quick look their website а at at: <u>http://www.livos.com.au/</u>

News Rovers are getting younger at FESTIVAL! Looks like Neil Faraday is making it to TV news!



Some of the helping Members at KNOX Festival

# Happy Birthdays - APRIL

The very best of		Paul Lucas	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Birthday wishes		John Foster	4 <sup>th</sup>
to these member	rs:	Colin Stewart	4 <sup>th</sup>
Marinus Hoogenboom 8 <sup>th</sup>		Les Gallagher	7 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Zander	$9^{th}$	Noel Rippon	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>
Barry Harvey	10 <sup>th</sup>	• • • • •	-
Peter Hayes	10 <sup>th</sup>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Ray Easthope	16 <sup>th</sup>	····	2
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Jacqueline Wilson	22 <sup>th</sup>	· D. tl. Ja	
Bill Ireland 25 <sup>th</sup>		Dumaa	0.0
Brian Douds	26 <sup>st</sup>	0	6

# Members Welfare

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those of our members in ill health. Please give some thought to those feeling a bit out of it presently. *Why don't YOU give them a call now!* 

#### **Events and Happenings**

**New Drill:** The JET pedestal drill arrived 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, started unpack/put together (*Lindsay/Dick*). **KIDZ KORNER thanks!** An excellent response came to the plea for help for KIDZ KORNER Tuesdays. Very happy! Dick Webb **Working Bee.** Next one: Saturday: April 13<sup>th</sup>! How about everybody COMING IN at 8:00AM and helping get THE club in shape for us all. Be sure to come prepared, old clothing, AND safety 1<sup>ST.</sup>.

<u>Knox Festival.</u> The committee would like to mention the outcome of the festival was, indeed, a very successful weekend and generated excellent income for the club!

#### **<u>Be-In-It competition</u>** Organiser(s) desperately needed.

#### Nunawading EXPO - June 14/15/16th

25<sup>th</sup> silver Anniversary is October 2013. Suggestions for this milestone would be gratefully received. The 10<sup>th</sup> was beaut, the 21<sup>st</sup> the same, so what about some ideas for ¼ century! Start chatting!

# The Basin MUSIC Festival March 24th



Bill Ireland, Eric Butterfield and Henk Eyssems turned up (so to speak) to throw a bit of dust around the Music Festival. Good onya Lads!



#### From My Sandbox Ramblings of a Confused Mind

Mounting my soap box once again, I would fain give a brief discourse on what I see as the function of our Club, and the obligations that we, as Members, have towards it.

Firstly, we all have joined for our own, individual motives. In many cases, this is for the social interaction and friendship that flows from the gathering of like-minded people. The love of woodwork or the desire to create in wood is usually present, though I am sure there are some Members who have joined purely to facilitate a specific project of their own, but the social aspect is difficult to resist. I joined because I suddenly found myself with time on my hands from a sudden, forced retirement, and to prevent myself from becoming a total hermit. Whatever your reason for belonging to the Club, it is just as legitimate as the next person's.

Our obligations to the Club are pretty well common sense. We are obliged to treat the Club's premises, equipment and reputation with respect. The same applies to our fellow Members, with the additional need for tolerance and understanding. To criticize Members who fail to take part in certain Club activities, eg. Working Bees, Festivals, fund raising and charity projects, etc., does not show respect to those individuals. We have Members who struggle with ill health, have difficulty with mixing socially, who have pressing family or work commitments.... the list is almost endless!

The Club is not a place of work or a profit making organisation. It exists for the benefit of its Members, and if we can help others as a result, then that is indeed a bonus. To criticize those who do not put in the same amount of effort as we might, is to fail to recognize their needs. By all means encourage others to support particular Club activities, but don't condemn them until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

<u>And now the housekeeping!</u> Ideas are sought for ways in which to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary. Suggestions to the Committee, and/or put you hand up to help organise the celebrations.

Keyholders are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that the Clubrooms are left in good order at the end of the session. This includes cleaning up (including dirty dishes), shutting and locking (where appropriate), all doors, cupboards and, yes, the refrigerator. Lights, fans and heaters must be switched off and the alarm activated. (Editor: Lindsay)

# <u>Workshop Notes</u> - "members helping members" <u>Hyde Glue</u> (By Phil Spencer)

I have been told by loved ones that I am tending toward being a Neanderthal. I can only conclude that this is because of my leaning toward traditional materials I prefer to think that I am flirting with the dark side.

I have started to forsake modern PVA and epoxy glues when gluing wood to wood for traditional Hyde glue or as it is known by its other name pearl glue. This stuff use to be a mystery to me and I thought that it was complicated to mix up and use until...

Out of curiosity I obtained a quantity of "pearls" and retired to my library to read an old text. I was surprised all I had to do was mix equal parts of "pearls and water and heat it to the required temperature, a double boiler was recommended and keep it heated over the workshop fire, not having a fire place or wood heater in my workshop I was stumped. The Eureka moment came when my wife was at the hairdressers getting her hair cut, I spied an electric depletory wax pot this heated the wax and kept it at a uniform temperature perfect. I could now heat my glue to 80 deg C and keep it at that temperature all day.

The main benefit of using Hyde glue is it has no record of failing like PVA sometimes does, it is easy to dis-amble a piece of furniture that has been glued up with it and it will stick to its self unlike PVA and it dries quickly allowing me to get on with my work. The dog also likes to help with the squeeze out. The down side is the smell, the neighbourhood dogs all come when I am using it.

If you find Hyde glue dries a bit too quick work time and drying time can be extended by mixing a little bit of Urea with the granules when mixing it up if you do this don't feed it to the dog.

Hyde glue can be made from many sources animal and fish, Hyde glue can also be kept in the refrigerator between use, it is all natural and biodegradable, maybe I am turning a little bit green rather than Neanderthal, try it I think you will like it.

I have been told that if fish glue granules are mixed with your best brandy it will glue wood to metal quite effectively.

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# \*\* VALE - Gavin Betts \*\*

Passed away Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013. The Club and members would like to convey their deepest regret to Kathryn and the family learning of the passing of a brilliantly talented friend, colleague and mentor, Gavin Betts. He will be sadly missed as he was very much appreciated at the club. He was a "solver of problems"!

Members will only now learn that it was Gavin who kindly funded and donated the saw that is in such regular use. Of course we all recall his terrific talks on clockmaking and showing off his meticulous skills at fine machining/metalwork. Gavin's talents, perfectionism and inspiration to others is beyond words to describe here.



Gavin, left with Dick Webb and manager of the FTG Bendigo bank. The occasion is the presentation of the clock which Gavin constructed. The clock is located in the foyer of the bank at FTG.



The Consummate Craftsman





Always in 'TEACHING MODE" Here, Gavin is surrounded by some extremely intricate clocks, and you can see the passion he has for sharing his knowledge to others.



in "Instructional " Mode

Gavin's Grandmother Clock, winner of the 2011 "Be-In-It" Competition, presented to Knox Council on behalf of the Club. Gavin at presentation: Mayor Sue McMillan, Dick Webb, Pres: Hurtle Lupton. (16/08/11)

Presenting a DOLLS HOUSE to Ringwood Library to help inspire interest in reading books to the young!



# <u>A little of his history and professional life.....</u> <u>www.teachyourself.co.uk/Languages/Level4/Biog</u> <u>raphyGavinBetts-1.aspx</u>\_\_\_\_

There are some good articles on the web that outline Gavin's passion for reading Greek and Latin and writing books. *Farewell fine friend!* 

#### **KDWC**

Bill Ireland's website tip of the month! With all the talk of Sanders recently, Bill has uncovered a great website from our supplier mates: Carba-TEC. So check out this article at: http://www.carbatec.com.au/using-drum-sanders (with due acknowledgment to author: By Gerald Coon) and The Shed Online: www.theshedonline.org.au .....Top spotting Bill!

PS: Talking good (should I say 'train') spotting: Bill discovered the Berwick Woodworkers FEB newsletter has been picking up on some of the clues in KDWC news. No worries! Great to see other 'woodies' enjoying the good oil! (Ed!)

# Kidz Korner in action KNOX FESTIVAL



Robert Black (Hat), & Brian Bracegirdle (Grey shirt) with Rod Hall (KDWC cap) getting the full attention of another budding "woodie!"



Hurtle Lupton <u>(HelicopterMAN!)</u> with Frank Collins working up a sweat for another customer!



**Carvers** were doing their thing too! Here's Albert Bak with Willie Schlaf trying to keep a low profile at the back!

We would like to thank *iPRIMUS* for their generous Sponsorship

#### Humor Why MEN Shouldn't write ADVICE COLUMNS

**Dear John.** I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's dauahter!

I am 32, my husband is 34, and neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help? Sheila.

**Dear Sheila,** A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors. I hope this helps, Cheers, John

#### **GOLFER AT THE DENTIST**

#### This one may bring a little mist to your eyes.

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office.

The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have three buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic.

I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! Today is Wednesday and we have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:15 already...

I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have a tooth pulled without anything to kill the pain."

So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show him......" (Thanks for contributions)

#### Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

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09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103
			Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
09:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
06:30PM 06:30PM	- 09:30PM - 09:30PM	Furniture Making Carving <i>(for all!)</i>	George Knight Albert Bak	0427 417823 9763 1204
10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	9754 5774 9754 2342
see roster below and WORKING BEES				
(closed)				
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# Saturday Morning Roster

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm					
Apr 6	Dick Webb	9764 5321			
Apr 13	Working Bee	** Start 8AM, wear proper clothing, & lend a hand please**			
Apr 20	Brian Douds	9801 5857			
Apr 27	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227			
May 4	Louis Smith	9754 2342			

NOTE: If no member arrives by 10:30am, the Key Holder has the option of closing Clubrooms.

#### **Members Discounts**

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members. Australian Lighting - Bayswater, Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully. Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies. Carba-Tec. Ferntree Gully Bolts. Hobby Tools Australia. Mitre-10 - Bayswater. Pop's Shed. Screwit - Supplier of Sachy Screws Total Tools, Ferntree Gully. Woodworking Machinery Specialists. The Woodworking Warehouse On Sale at the Club

# Club Caps \$12.00 Club Polo Shirts \$25.00 Club Fleecy Tops \$45.00 Screws (packet) \$2.00 Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G) \$2.00

# **Current Community Support Activites**

Project (ref: Eric)	Recipient	Status	
Toys	Disadvantaged	Continuous	
	Kids for Xmas	In Progress	
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous	
Chairs & Stools	Cerebral Palsey	As required	
Various Turnings	Festival stock &c	In Progress	
Kidz Korner kits	KK Activities	Continuous	
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Fest.	Oct 2013	
Clock	Stringybark Fest.	Oct 2013	
Turned Bowl	Stringybark Fest.	Oct 2013	

	Important Diary Dates						
Sat							
Wed		Member Meeting					
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	**WORKING BEE**	8:00AM !!				
Wed	17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Committee Meeting					
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Member Meeting	7:30PM				

# <u> Take heed – Safety counts</u>

Have <u>YOU</u> been reading some of the clues yet?

Check the SAFTEY website at: www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm

# \*\* STOP PRESS - KIDZ KORNER HELP !! \*\*

**REPEAT No 2.: ALL HANDS TO THE WHEEL.** <u>Weekly help</u> now needed to build KITS to build up our stocks! *Contact Dick Webb and assist* ! **[Ed]**