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President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

Thank you to all of those members who gave up their own time to attend the last working bee



which was held in April. It was very pleasing to 25 see turn members up and do so much in such a short time. Thank vou to member the who raised a

safety issue in the machine shop with me, this matter was addressed at the working bee resulting with a much safer working environment for all concerned.

Regretfully I must report that there has been damage to two pieces of equipment because people have not followed the basic rules which have been promulgated. There is the thicknesser which cost \$12,000. During an inspection of the cutter heads it was found that four had been damaged because somebody has not followed the instructions and has not used the metal detector before running their timber through the machine. I would request that the key holder please ensure that prior to unlocking the thicknesser that they ensure the timber has gone through the appropriate check.

The new table saw has suffered the second lot of damage in as many months. Last month someone damaged the guide with the saw blade by sheer stupidity. Thank you to Barry McDermott who installed a guide so that hopefully this will not happen again. Now this month someone has damaged the metal plate around the saw blade, heaven knows how, however there must have been sparks flying around because of the resulting damage to the metal insert and no doubt to the saw blade.

Please, if you damage equipment please tell the Key Holder. I can assure you that you will not be punished; we hope that you will learn from your mistake. As a responsible club we must endeavour to ensure that members are not injured because of damaged equipment.

Thank you to everyone for their effort in keeping the eating area neat, free from crumbs and old food. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Eric Butterfield is a member who in the past served on the committee, since choosing not to be on the committee he has continually volunteered to perform many tasks and undertake a number of duties which greatly assists in the smooth running of your club. Over the past two months I have called on volunteers assist in planning our anniversarv to celebrations. The response has been very poor with only one member volunteering for this duty, of course that person is Eric Butterfield. Thank you Eric for being prepared to assist in this matter, your willingness to serve in this capacity is an example for others to follow.

*** St Joseph's learning the good oil ***



The Club is currently hosting a series of sessions to introduce year 5 and 6 students from St. Joseph's Primary School to woodworking.

Frank Collins has assumed leadership of the small group that has been running these sessions, which have proven most enjoyable to all involved.



If you are interested in helping out, speak with Frank. The sessions run every Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., School holidays excepted.

Middendorp Electric DONATION



2 Laser Dr. Cnr Kelletts Rd. Rowville. 97634922 The Club would like to acknowledge the donation of a new switching assembly for one the lathes. From MIDDENDORP ELECTRIC Co. ROWVILLE via Peter & Darren Collins. Its a terrific help to the Club when vital parts are needed to keep our machinery running smoothly!Dick

Working Bee a winner!



The large turn-up at the April Working Bee made it into both an enjoyable social occasion as well as an opportunity to accomplish a significant amount of work around the

Club. Thank you to one and all that attended.

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



Woodturning Exhibition The Peninsula Woodturners Guild

Peninsula Community Theatre

Wilsons Road Mornington



May 21 to May 26 2013 10.00am to 4.00pm Entry \$5

Light Refreshment, Ample Parking www.pwguild.org.au pwgshowdir@gmail.com Steve Pratt 0414 156 105



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Bendigo Bank

Lorraine Darroch of Peninsula Woodworkers has asked we advise members of their exhibition on May 21-26. This event is held every two years and some of the work exhibited is really amazing. The brochure explains all the details and we would love to see KDWC members at the exhibition. Queries to Idarrch6@bigpond.com

Club is NOT for member's commercial gain!

It has come to our attention that there are some members utilising the club's equipment for the purposes of operating a commercial business. At this stage there is nothing in our constitution that prohibits members going down this path.

The club has spent a great deal of money (over \$60,000) on new equipment and the air filtration system over the last three years for the <u>benefit of all club members</u>.

It is expected that ALL members will put something back into the club e.g. assisting in Kidz Korner, assisting with the making of toys for disadvantaged children, attending working bees etc, and anything that will assist to continue to make our club the success it is.

People who use the club's equipment for commercial gain are taking from the club far more than they are putting in. Our fees are \$65 a year which is very cheap for the excellent facilities you are provided with.

To those members who are using the club's equipment for commercial gain *please think* of your fellow club members.

Happy Birthdays - MAY

The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:	I	George Giummarra Max Phillips Michael Pendry	1 st 1 st 3 rd
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Mike Sheehan	10^{th}	Bill Longden	11 th
Owen Reid	14 th	0 0	
Anthony Deabe	15 th	💦 : 🚺 O 💭	1
Karen Button	18 th	a 00° + to	
Lou Marion	23 rd	Happy - 2	
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Thomas Coglan 23rd Robert Holdsworth 27th

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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

Be-In-It competition Your masterpieces are sought! Peninsula Woodworkers EXPO. May 21st to 26th Nunawading EXPO - June 14/15/16th

Working Bees - April was a great help!



Anniversary is October silver 2013 Suggestions for this milestone would be gratefully received. Start chatting!

Members <u>\$770 raised by Kidz Korner team!</u> have recently completed an order for 154 travs for Vermont Primary School, in the process raising \$770 for the Club. Many thanks to the Tuesday team for their stirling effort.

Tenders sought for sale of DOVETAIL JIG



Tenders are sought for this Taiwanese made Universal Dovetail Jig. The unit appears Offers to be little used. submitted in sealed envelope to Committee no later than 7.30 pm 22/05/13.



From My Sandbox

Futile Whinings from a Lone Soapbox With creaking joints and saddened heart, I once more mount my rickety soapbox to bleat the defacto battle cry of woodworking clubs near and far - Use the #@9*ing metal detector!!!!!

The Thicknesser

In the course of the last couple of weeks some schlemiel has chipped FOUR cutter heads on the Club's thicknesser, no mean feat since the previous record was two, approximately two years ago! The following procedure should be adopted prior to putting timber through any of the machines.



Engage brain.

- Visually inspect timber for foreign matter (stones, dirt, paint, nails, alien artifacts, etc).
- Re-engage Brain.
- Use the #@∂*ing metal detector!!!!!

Re-engage Brain again. Look, listen and feel for anomalies as you feed the

timber through the machine. Stop and check if it doesn't seem right. Prod brain to re-engage thought process before continuing.

The Tablesaw

Some enterprising individual has been cutting metal alloy with the



new table saw. The fact that the metal in question was part of the aforesaid saw just compounds the felony. Once again, if you are operating any of the Club's machines, please activate your brain first. Such acts as this amount to crass stupidity or outright vandalism! If you do

damage equipment then please let the Keyholder or a Member of the Committee know, so that the problem can be rectified.

The Drum Sander

Do not put glue through any of the sanders!!!! This applies to drum, spindle, belt and disc sanders. Make sure that glue is thoroughly cured and scrape off any excess before sanding. Every time somebody clogs the paper on the Jet drum sander with glue, it costs the Club \$10 just to replace it. Also, when sanding,

use different parts of the drum with each pass, as this will also extend paper life.

With the amount of abuse inflicted on our machinery, no wonder the machines revolted and created the Terminator. I'm on Arnold's side, just out of sympathy!



Finally, the Club is looking for somebody to cut the grass. Barry is unable to continue due to health concerns. Let a Committee Member know if you are interested. A small stipend accompanies (Editor: Lindsay) the role.



New roller doors are a GOER!

Awed by the seeming magic of modern science, Dick Webb looks on in wonder as our new door descends without human effort, powered by the miracle of electricity.

Bill Ireland's beaut BOOKCASE for Club

Bill Ireland has recently constructed a bookcase for the storage of the Club's magazine collection. Thanks, Bill.



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<u>Workshop Notes</u> - "members helping members" <u>How to Make Hide Glue</u> (By Phil Spencer) 3rd article in a "Glue series" from Phil.

One of the traditional methods of making glue has been to use raw hide. The process is time consuming, but not difficult. The product is a fairly high quality glue, although it is water soluble.

If you want to gather your own hide, rabbit skin is good. After catching your rabbit and skinning it soak the skin in urine this will help in removing the fur.

Start by taking some raw hide. If you do not have access to raw hide, the easiest place to get it is at the pet supplies section of your store. Most dog bones are made of rolled up raw hide, just check the label.

The hide will probably be very hard, so you can put it in boiling water to soften it up. When it is soft, take it out and cut it into small pieces.

Put the small pieces back in the water and continue boiling it. Make sure the hide is always covered with water. The boiling will take hours, so you will have to periodically add more water. The substance that you see on the side of the pot is overflowed liquid. When it dries, it becomes the glue.

Then strain out the hide pieces, or remove them with a spoon. Continue to boil the remaining water to reduce it down. Make sure to stir the liquid so it does not burn. By this point it should be getting fairly thick.

There is no specific required thickness. The more water it has, the longer it will take to dry once applied, but if it gets the job done, it is thick enough.

To preserve the glue, pour it onto a flat surface. After about an hour, you should get a product which feels like rubber.

Cut it into smaller pieces and put it into a container. They should last quite a while, but since they are an animal product, eventually it will go bad. If you want to preserve it longer, spread out the liquid even thinner (less than 1/16th of an inch) and let it dry completely. That way it should preserve longer.

To use the dried glue, just heat it up. You may want to add some water when heating it so it doesn't burn.

That's all there is to it. The glue will hold very securely when dry.Phil

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Guest from Scotland enjoys our Club!

Margaret Douglas has been a guest of the club for the past few weeks and comes from Comrie, Perthshire in Scotland and is a relative of club member David Bull.





She decided that she wanted to make a wall clock to take take back home. So David and Dick Webb gave her a hand. It was a great pleasure to have Margaret as a guest of the club. She fitted in very well and we all enjoyed her company.Dick

Sand-flee demonstrated in April

Guest Speaker at the April Meeting was Ben Mahoney from The Woodworking Warehouse,



who demonstrated the Sand-flee surface sander, and the Wixey angle gauge. The Club has purchased the latter, with the device already proving invaluable in setting up various machines.



Bill Ireland's website tip of the month!

Bill has come up with the goods again, sharing some top tips he's found, this one for: Woodworking Projects for Beginners www.instructables.com/id/Woodworking-Projects-for-Beginners/Top spotting Bill!

Phil's Saw restoration

I found this small saw in my father's shed, the handle was broken and the blade was rusted. I made a new handle from a small log of Cherry I had laying around and soaked the blade in a 50/50 mix of lemon juice and water.



I am pretty happy with the way it turned out and it cuts surprisingly well for an old saw that was covered in rust.

Think I will dedicate it to dovetails. ... Phil

So what is a cheval d'amour?

Perhaps it would make a good group project for the club? We could raffle it off to raise some money? But first, some history: The United States of America's third President, Thomas Jefferson (1743 – 1826), was an intensely passionate man. Jefferson formed a torrid relationship with the fourteen-year-old Hemings, leading to him commissioning a remarkable piece of furniture.

Drawn to Revolutionary Paris' flamboyant lifestyle



and influenced by the debauched constituent of Paris' salon culture, Jefferson had one of Paris' artisan *brasiers*, René Antoin Cavalier make him a "Parisian horse on two levels [...]

of strong brass and gilded leather [...] for intimate liaisons". *Too much trivia this month?*

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

**** Humor ****

Dire consequences may result from doing this! Today's Bad Idea. Just when you think a person can't get any dumber. This will cleanse the



gene pool – just a little!

I know, I saw it right away too! No safety glasses or hearing protection!

And I caught something else that is really important: He has no gloves on. I might be up in age but I am still sharp as a tack -- don't you agree?

New wooden 4WD

There's hope for our car industry after all, with some help from woodies!



The Horse Shelter It's important to know how a council works!

It seems a hobby farmer on Perth's outskirts sought council permission to erect a Horse Shelter. Permission was denied, leading to a typical protracted one sided negotiation with Council.

Exasperated, the property owner wrote: "I suppose you wouldn't even allow me to put a table and chairs out there...".



"Of course a table and chairs are permissible" replied council." <u>(Thanks for contributions)</u>

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No	Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders Note: All Members are welcome to access the Clubrooms at any of these times.						
Monday	09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103		
				Henk Eyssens	5968 5119		
Tuesday	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144		
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774		
Wednesday	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321		
Thursday	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		
Friday	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157		
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	9754 5774 9754 2342		
Saturday	see roster	r below <mark>an</mark>	d WORKING BEES				
Sunday	(closed)						

Saturday Morning Roster

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm				
May 4	Louis Smith	9754 2342		
May 11	Dick Webb	9764 5321		
May 18	Brian Douds	9801 5857		
May 25	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227		
June 1	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

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					
Wed 17 th Apr Committee Meeting					
Wed	1 st May	Member Meeting	7:30PM		
		Committee Meeting			
Wed	5 th June	Member Meeting	7:30PM		
Sat	8 th June	**WORKING BEE**	8:00AM	‼	

<u>Take heed - Safety counts</u>

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

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

<u>** STOP PRESS – **</u>

REPEAT No 3.: 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]**

Use the METAL DETECTOR before cutting! [Ed!]