

# INGRAINED

## Monthly Newsletter of the Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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### President's Report – Hughie Gaynor.

April as usual has been another very busy Woodies month, however, it was indeed a very sad time as we lost two of our long time members in **Dick Kors** and **Paul Aminde**. A reflection on both of them follow.

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I am delighted to acknowledge and thank the 21 members who turned up at the 12<sup>th</sup> April Working Bee. Their work has resulted in a massive clean up of the left hand rack, disposal of 2 trailers of unwanted timber treasures and subsequent relocation of the rack against the wall providing more walking space. Whilst there is still more work to be done tidying up, the standard for future storage of timber particularly sheets of MDF, chipboard or plywood and long and shorts lengths of timber has been set, which will provide better access in the future benefitting all members. In addition the roof leaks in the woodturning area and the water tank lean has been corrected.

#### Important Dates.

Trivia Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Time to kick start the grey matter and form a team of 4 or 6 and get your tickets asap.

Be in it Competition – Start to plan or get your project finished now as the date has been set for Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>. Full details will be available in next month's Newsletter.

As this Newsletter goes to press the Club's new cupboards are practically finished and Club items are progressively being transferred from the metal cabinets to their permanent home.

.....**Hughie**

- **ONLY 73 MEMBERS (TO DATE) HAVE SIGNED AND RETURNED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM .**

If you happen to be one of those other 100 plus members who I assume have put this critical issue in the " I will get around to it" basket I strongly urge you to act and **respond ASAP. To make life easier this form which is available on the web site and was featured in the February Newsletter.**

### **\*\*Working Bee – Woodstore tidy up\*\*** **How long will it last? - you can help!**

#### **Our next challenge:**



(Thanks for picture: Dick! ..... Ed)

**\*\* VALE – Paul Aminde \*\***

Paul passed away peacefully Mar. 31, 2014, aged 85 years.

**A reflection on Paul Aminde by Peter Horsburgh.**

I first met Paul 20 years ago when we worked on a number of Club Projects and from that initial meeting I soon discovered that Paul was a very meticulous and accurate woodworker which should also be said of everything that Paul did.

As I got to know Paul better, it seemed such a strange coincidence that Paul and I frequented a number of the same places in the City during our more youthful years and we shared lots of memories together.

Paul was born and raised in Richmond and was a keen Tigers fan. He often mentioned in conversations that despite a hard upbringing (like everyone else in those times) he was proud of his father's influence and gave him credit for how a young person should behave and respect others.

His favourite Father's saying was "When you go to a house make sure you wipe your feet and remove your hat before you go inside"



Paul started his working life as an apprentice motor mechanic, however, being a patriotic Aussie he put up his age to get into the Army and was posted to Japan as part of the Occupation Forces. After his war service was finished he completed his apprenticeship and worked in that trade for some 5 years before he decided to start another career with Reckitt and Colman as a sales representative.

It was not long before senior management discovered that he was a natural at the job and more importantly, all the customers loved him. As a result they provided Paul with the opportunity to operate on their behalf in his own van across all Victorian country areas. Paul remained as a representative for a number of years until he decided that he would sell the van and take the family on an overseas holiday.

For years at both the Knox and Stringybark Festivals Paul was the first face of The Woodies, that people encountered when they inquired about 'Kidz Korner' kits, and I have no doubt his personality and gracious manner helped boost our sales.

Apart from his ongoing work in the Club on all types of Projects, Paul was also involved with Colin Stewart and Bill Longden when they visited Amaroo Aged Care Nursing Home in Ferntree Gully each week. Each week they would load up with a wide variety of wooden crafts to ensure that all the patients with vastly different capabilities were kept occupied for the afternoon.

Paul's happy face and his friendly greeting to all will be sadly missed around the Club. [...Peter]

**\*\* VALE – Dick Kors \*\***

Dick passed away Apr 21st 2014, aged 87

**Memories of a fine craftsman and family man.**

Dick was a Foundation member of KDWC, along with his son, John, who I've known since early 1980's when we worked in Nunawading. Meeting Dick and John at the Club when I joined shortly after the Club's inception, was a real pleasure, and one that grew with my working with him on the 'books' when Dick became treasurer of the Club between 1995 and 2000.

Dick has been a local of the area for years, and raised a family of eight children. He was humble whilst headstrong but impeccably competent, and was a true gentleman in all the dealings I've had with him.

His skills in the woodworking field are best recollected from his passion for building Windmills (pictured). It is ironic that only recently, a fellow member of the club was enquiring about plans for such projects, and of course, Dick's legendary piece came to mind.



Dick is a fine example of the strong bond that members have with one another whilst going about project or committee work, giving to others, help, advise, suggestions and support, fostering camaraderie and a feeling of worth. That feeling perpetuated through Dick's involvement at KDWC, and whilst he was not well enough to attend the 25th anniversary, we all rallied with John on that day to recollect at the celebration with so many that knew Dick, to recognise his foundation status and contributions.

Dick was well looked after in his recent years, living with family in his own flat at the rear, capable, independent and always ready to give a hand. It was a joy to receive from him, some fine memorabilia in the way of photos that he had retained of the early 1990's at the Club, which truly added to the recent 25th event.

If we could all take a positive from having known Dick, in the way we enjoyed his company, is to set aside the pressures of the day for a moment, lean over to your mates on the other end of the work-bench, and take time out to realise what a great lifestyle we enjoy here with one another, and how important having good 'mates' is all about.

Your legacy and contribution will never be forgotten, Dick. [Gaz]



*Dick, in 1995 with his Windmill*

*1993 news clip with Dick, and Paul promoting their Club.*

**\*\* Social Committee News \*\***

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**KNOX & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS CLUB**

*Presents*




The Inaugural

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**WHEN:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**WHERE:** Clubrooms

**TIME:** 7:00pm (for a 7:30pm start)

**COST:** \$10 Per head

(Tickets are 'Pre-sold' – Additional tickets can be purchased on the night)  
See Karen Button or a committee member to purchase tickets

- ❖ **BYO drinks** (Tea & coffee available at no cost!)
- ❖ **Supper supplied** (It is requested that each person attending bring a plate – cakes, sandwiches, savouries, etc.)
- ❖ **Teams of 4 to 6....** So get your table organised NOW !!

**PRIZES to be WON !!**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

**\*\* Library at the Club \*\***

It's early days, but a group of members are presently discussing ideas to improve the Library at the Club, and no doubt they'll be seeking suggestions in due course. So put your library thinking hats on, in case some tips can assist this team..... More soon.

Longer term members will recall the great effort Ray Pike did to get an index going, of useful information for making a variety of projects, published on KDWC web.

**The Club thanks****\*\* Happy Birthdays - MAY \*\***

The very best of  
Birthday wishes  
to these members:



George Giummarra	1st
Max Phillips	1st
Michael Pendrey	3rd
Harry Deschepper	14th
Anthony Deabe	15th
Karen Button	18th
Ashley Johns	19th
Andre Cook	23rd
Robert Holdsworth	27th

Hope each of you have a terrific day, and enjoy the year ahead!  
....Ed!

**\*\* Members Welfare \*\***

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those in ill health. Bill Ireland's St Patrick's Day operation has been paying dividends, and it's been good to see his smiling face back at the Club.

It is pleasing to see that Colin Stewart and Ian Stanfield are recovering well, and things will be getting back to usual for them around the Club again.

**....Our thoughts are with you.**

Talking of health and improvements, Max Holt shared this tip recently – worth a read:

<http://www.equip4life.com.au/healthy-lifestyle-seminars>

Seminars are 1 hour duration, and free.

**\*\*\* Events and Happenings \*\*\***

**TOY COUNT for XMAS Presentations: April: 234+**  
**A good start to the year already!** All toy contributions are always appreciated for this exceptional cause each November.

**Trivia Night - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Enjoy a Trivia Night in the Clubrooms with our own MC Alan Peach.

**Working Bee: Sat June 14th**

Help is needed to clean up for the Long weekend!

**BE-IN-IT Competition - Sunday August 17th 2014**

**Early warning to get you your projects ready.**

**Stringybark Festival - Sat/Sun Oct 18/19th 2014**

Be ready to help out, whether it be raffle tickets, or assisting on the day, or even helping get ready and packing up. This festival, along with the KNOX Festival (held in March) each year, are the two big opportunities to make the community aware of our Club, and raise funds for all the services that Members enjoy at KDWC

**\*\* Equipment for sale by TENDER \*\***

No items are available for sale by TENDER  
this month

SUBMISSION to the committee.

### Workshop Notes - "members helping members"

#### **The Polishing Brick - by Phillip Spencer**

When I am polishing a large flat surface like a table top I use a common house brick to achieve a high shine.

If I decide that I would like a wax finish to my table top I use a house brick wrapped in carpet to help me, whether I apply the wax to unsealed wood or wax over a few coats of shellac, the brick makes life easier.

It takes a bit of effort to polish a coat of wax to a high shine and with each coat applied, to get that depth and shine that makes a waxed finish look so good is hard work. This is where the brick wrapped in carpet comes in handy. The weight of the brick will provide enough friction to melt the wax and let it work into the grain, And, with the flat surface of the brick, you will get a flat shiny deep finish after a few coats of wax and a bit of elbow grease.

To make a polishing brick is simple, find a suitable common garden variety solid house brick, cut some carpet to the width of the brick and glue it on. Allow for the carpet to wrap around the brick, then wrap your polishing rag around your polishing brick.

After applying a coat of wax and letting it dry, take your polishing brick with your polishing rag wrapped securely around it and rub along the grain. You will still have to use a lot of elbow grease but the polishing brick will make the job a bit easier and will give good streak free results.

....Phil

#### **\*\*Bill's website tip of the month! \*\***

Bill's offsider, Phil, has an amazing website link. It shows how a woodworker made a Wood Christmas Tree that is truly a work of art.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=1yWmqbitB-c](https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=1yWmqbitB-c)

#### **\*Grafton chap makes Fairytale BOOKS \*\*\***

Roy from Grafton NSW woodworkers, a friend of Lindsay Rotherham, has an amazing skill making this fairytale book carved out of Jacaranda wood. No doubt we woodies are a smart group!



Thanks for PICS: Jean Wheatley

#### **\*\* KDWC inspiration to Flower Pots \*\***

Eric was speaking with John Darcy last week when he showed him a story John's grand daughter wrote, to help sell his flower pot holders. Eric thought it was very good and worth sharing.

#### *Autobiography of a Gum Tree*

*I was in the forest a big Gum Tree, looking after mankind. I was keeping shade, filtering air and bringing the rain. They chopped me down and cut me up into fence posts and so I went on serving man for another twenty years. Until I started to deteriorate they took me down and were going to use me as fire wood but then came along the Ferntree Gully Woodies and reconstructed me into flower pot holders, where I'll be serving man for another twenty years.*

*Please buy me.*

Written by Maddy Darcy

#### **\*\*QLD Woodies BIG BOWL\*\***



My fellow grey nomad mate had the good fortune of visiting the Proserpine Museum in QLD (midway Rockhampton to Townsville)



where some clever Woodies set about building a humungus 8' 6" diameter segmented BOWL. The equipment, courage, vision and skill that went into making this project is immense.

After a long chat with the a very humble **Con Jansen**,



one of many who was involved with the project back in 2003, I'd confidently recommend any travellers north, to visit the Proserpine Museum on Bruce Hwy to see this artwork.

[http://www.proserpinewoodturners.com/The\\_Big\\_Bowl.html](http://www.proserpinewoodturners.com/The_Big_Bowl.html)

(Thanks to mate: 'Rod' (Townsville) for pics. ....Ed.)

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**\*\*\* Humor \*\*\*****Making a Baby....**

The Smiths were unable to conceive children and decided to use a surrogate father to start their family. On the day the proxy father was to arrive, Mr. Smith kissed his wife goodbye and said, 'Well, I'm off now. The man should be here soon.'

Half an hour later, just by chance, a door-to-door baby photographer happened to ring the doorbell, hoping to make a sale. 'Good morning, Ma'am', he said, 'I've come to...'

'Oh, no need to explain,' Mrs. Smith cut in, embarrassed, 'I've been expecting you.'

'Have you really?' said the photographer. 'Well, that's good. Did you know babies are my specialty?'

'Well that's what my husband and I had hoped. Please come in and have a seat !.

After a moment she asked, blushing, 'Well, where do we start?'

'Leave everything to me. I usually try two in the bathtub, one on the couch, and perhaps a couple on the bed. And sometimes the living room floor is fun. You can really spread out there.'

'Bathtub, living room floor? No wonder it didn't work out for Harry and me!'

'Well, Ma'am, none of us can guarantee a good one every time. But if we try several different positions and I shoot from six or seven angles, I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results.'

'My, that's a lot!', gasped Mrs. Smith.

'Ma'am, in my line of work a man has to take his time. I'd love to be In and out in five minutes, but I'm sure you'd be disappointed with that.'

'Don't I know it,' said Mrs. Smith quietly.

The photographer opened his briefcase and pulled out a portfolio of his baby pictures. 'This was done on the top of a bus,' he said.

'Oh, my God!' Mrs. Smith exclaimed, grasping at her throat.

'And these twins turned out exceptionally well - when you consider their mother was so difficult to work with..'

'She was difficult?' asked Mrs. Smith.

'Yes, I'm afraid so. I finally had to take her to the park to get the job done right. People were crowding around four and five deep to get a good look'

'Four and five deep?' said Mrs. Smith, her eyes wide with amazement.

'Yes', the photographer replied. 'And for more than three hours, too. The mother was constantly squealing and yelling - I could hardly concentrate, and when darkness approached I had to rush my shots. Finally, when the squirrels began nibbling on my equipment, I just had to pack it all in.'

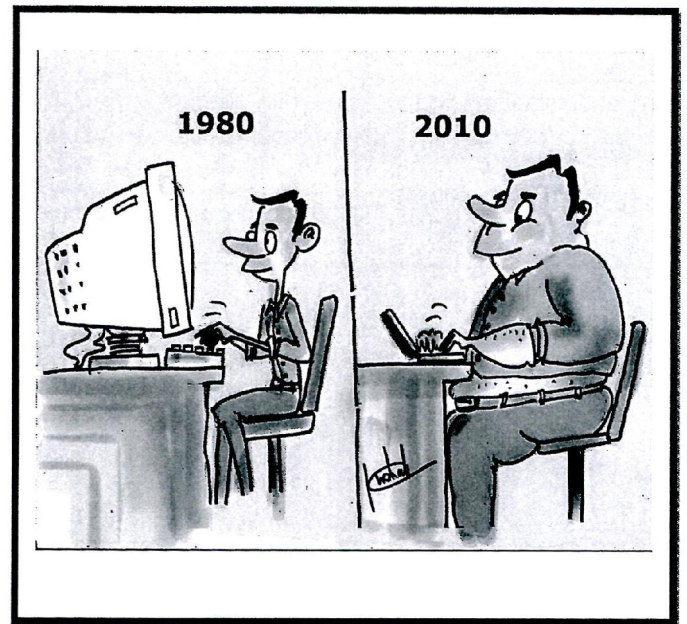
Mrs. Smith leaned forward. 'Do you mean they actually chewed on your, uh...equipment?'

'It's true, Ma'am, yes.. Well, if you're ready, I'll set-up my tripod and we can get to work right away..'

'Tripod?'

'Oh yes, Ma'am. I need to use a tripod to rest my Canon on. It's much too big to be held in the hand very long.'

**Mrs. Smith fainted**



*...Thanks for contributions [Ed]*

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

**Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders**

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

<b>Monday</b>	09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
<b>Tuesday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	0439 919758
<b>Wednesday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
<b>Thursday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Furniture Making	George Knight	0427 417823
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Carving (for all!)	Albert Bak	0419 384099
<b>Friday</b>	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	0439 919758 9754 2342
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>see roster below and WORKING BEES</b>				
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>(closed)</b>				

**Saturday Morning Roster**

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm		
May 10	Brian Douds	9801 5857
May 17	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
May 24	Louis Smith/Larry	97542342
May 31	Dick Webb	9764 5321
June 7	Brian Douds	9801 5857
June 14	<b>**working Bee**</b>	
June 21	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

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.  
**\*\*Show some suitable KDWC / personal ID\*\***

- Australian Lighting - Bayswater,
- Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.
- Budget Car and Truck Rental (FTG) (new one!)
- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tec.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Hobby Tools Australia.
- Jaylor Tools
- 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 - Half Zip	\$40.00
Club Fleecy Tops - Full-length Zip	\$50.00
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	<b>Continuous</b>
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Clock	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Jewelery Box	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014

**Important Diary Dates**

- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Committee Meeting
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May **Members Meeting 7.30PM**
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May **TRIVIA NIGHT (see flyer Pg 3)**
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May Committee Meeting
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jun **Members Meeting 7.30PM**
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jun **\*\*WORKING BEE\*\* 8:00AM !!**

**\*\* STOP PRESS \*\* OH&S agreement needed**

All members now need to be familiar with OH&S safety awareness procedures and confirm so.

Check the **SAFETY** website at:

[www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm](http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm)



**PLEASE RETURN SAFETY FORMS**

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