



INGRAINED

Monthly Newsletter of the Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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President's Report – Hughie Gaynor.

On behalf of all members, we owe a great deal of thanks to the 21 members who turned up at the last Working Bee on Saturday 14th June. Apart from the usual clean/tidy up and disposal of "unwanted treasures" on the premises, the other work undertaken has vastly improved the overall lay out of the Clubrooms and working areas namely:

- Consolidation of all maintenance equipment into 2 cupboards to the "new bay" area, which will make life easier for our unsung maintenance heroes who regularly volunteer their time and expertise to keep all machines in tip top condition.
- More work undertaken in the Timber Store which will ultimately make life easier for all members to locate that special piece of timber.
- Removal of the last of the steel cabinets from the Clubrooms thereby providing a less cluttered environment.
- Removal of unwanted gear from the Toy Making Shed and placement of a work bench and filing cabinet to make life a little easier for members who design/make/paint toys for the annual community appeal for those families less fortunate.
- Removal of all unwanted storage cabinets over the week-end.

For good measure whilst all of the above was happening the thicknesser received a major service.

In the June Newsletter advice was provided that the annual "Be in it" competition will be held on Sunday 17th August along with full details of the 26 categories that members will be able to showcase their work. There is plenty of time left for all members to take the initiative, complete their work/project

(constructed/made between August 2013 and August 2014 only) and support your Club. Whilst personal recognition of a member's work is an important part of the overall judging process, it is also a golden opportunity for all members to get some great ideas/inspirations to make a nominated item on show, and at the same time, "show off" your Club to family and friends.

Entries will be received on Friday 15th August from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, on Saturday 16th August from 9.30am to noon and your last chance will be on Sunday morning from 10am to 11am. The Clubrooms will then be closed whilst Judging takes place and will be **re-opened at 2.30pm** for members, family and friends to view all exhibits and have a pleasant afternoon tea. **Presentation of certificates will commence at 4.15pm** and it is expected that this special event will conclude at approx. 5.00pm.

At the June Committee meeting it was resolved that annual membership fees will rise this year by \$10 with no change to the new member's one off joining fee of \$50. Whilst I accept that everyone has no love of price increases it must be remembered that this is our 1st increase in 3 years. When you compare our facilities to other similar woody type Clubs/Organisations and the fact that apart from our "voluntary donation" to the monthly raffle or purchase of timber/hardware etc, NO other set fees exist, I believe that the Knox Woodies is the best value for money out there.

LAST CHANCE REMINDER FOR SIGNING OFF YOUR AGREEMENT ON SAFETY PROCEDURES. To date 92 have completed that task (thank you) and for those who still have that task in the "will get around to it real soon basket" it would be greatly appreciated if you do it asap.

.....Hughie

**** Be In It Competition SUN 17th AUG****

As mentioned in the President's report, we have confirmed the list of categories for this year's event. You have **6 weeks to get your Project finished**, for this event, which will be held on Sunday 17th August.

- Jewellery Boxes
- Wooden Boxes
- Carving – Large and small
- Clocks – large, small and turned items
- Furniture – large and small
- Ornamental – Garden and Other
- Toys – Large and Small
- Woodturning – Spindle
- Bowls: large and small
- Platter
- Lidded container
- Natural edge item
- miniature item
- segmented item
- matched pair
- woodturning – other
- Rocking Horses – Gareth and Carved
- Musical Instrument

In addition to the above categories, an award will be given for **Best in Show**

Entries: - Fri 15th August from 6.30pm to 8.30pm,
- Sat 16th August from 9.30am to noon,
- Sun 17th morning from 10am to 11am.

Viewing by all: starts from 2.30pm

Presentation of certificates: starts from at 4.15pm

**** Social Committee News ****

Any suggestions Contact:
Karen Button 0407 556666

"Spotted in France"

Son of Editor, has shared this beauty with me.

He was driving from Spain up the Mediteranean coast and then cross country through France, up to Bordeaux, and saw this in the fields. Seems that **'wood power'** may be the secret answer the French have to avoiding the energy crisis on their farms!

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

TOY COUNT for XMAS Presentations: June: 353+ Flying along nicely for the year! All toy contributions are always appreciated for this exceptional cause each November.

Working Bee: Sat AUG 9th 2014

Help is needed to clean up before Be-In-It 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

One of the Club's best opportunities to raise funds for all the services that Members enjoy at KDWC. Get ready to lend a hand, everyone.

**** Happy Birthdays - JULY ****

The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:



Chris Gerritzen	1st
Peter Zoldak	1st
Robert Ratray	9th
Frank O'Connor	9th
Charles Mann	10th
Henk Eyssens	11th
Aaron Henderson	16th
Neil Fereday	19th
Frank Collins	23th
Greg Duthrie	30th
Paul Hayward	31th

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. **Ted Bricker** is nursing a knee condition presently, requiring him to stay off his feet for 3 or 4 weeks to improve. So we hope he hasn't any need to been praying for a good *"finish"* on some project around the house! Elbow grease is the only *'solution'*. Or a *'soluable'* solution on the end of the elbow held to the mouth is a good remedy.

Hope you're up to speed soon mate!

....Our thoughts are with you.

Workshop Notes - "members helping members"**How to dye wood red using horse dung and urine**

André Jacob Roubo was a French cabinetmaker and author. The son and grandson of Master Cabinetmakers, he earned that designation in 1774 through the publication of his masterwork treatise on woodworking.

He wrote a highly influential complete treatise on woodworking that covers practically all the associated trades. This multi-volume work, *L'Art du Menuisier (The Art of the Joiner)*, published between 1769 and 1774 by the Académie des Sciences, contains sections and illustrations on: building carpentry, furniture making, and precious woodworking (ébénisterie), carriage making, and garden woodworking.

Roubo offers a recipe for staining wood red using a concoction made using horse dung and urine.

Here's the recipe:

Before finishing the dyeing of wood, I believe I ought to give a least-costly method of dyeing white wood red, which is done in the following manner:

You take some horse dung, which you put in a bucket of which the bottom is pierced with many holes, and you place it above another bucket, into which falls the water from the dung, as it gradually rots. When it does not rot fast enough, you water it from time to time with some horse urine, which helps a lot and at the same time gives a red water, which not only stains the surface of the wood, but penetrates the interior 3 to 4 lines deep. In staining the wood with this dye, one must take care that all the pieces be of the same species, and about equal in density if one wishes that they be of equal colour throughout. This observation is general for all water-based stains, which have no palpable thickness nor even appearance [they leave no residue or any evident change in appearance], which requires the cabinetmaker to make a choice of wood of equal colour and a density as I mentioned before.

*Taken from Wikipedia and Lost art Press

****KDWC****

at Johnston Canyon Rocky mountains BC Canada



**This Bear has a great logo on his HAT! (or is it Dick o'seas?)
.....Dick's big trip, letting his hair down**

**** another top article..... ****

Ebonising wood

- by Phillip Spencer



Recently I have been experimenting with an old fashioned method of ebonising wood.

I started by making up some 'ebonising solution'. This solution is nothing more than vinegar and fine steel wool. Start by washing the steel wool in soapy water. This will remove any oils that will stop the steel wool from rusting. Break the steel wool up into small pieces and put it into a jar, and then add the vinegar. I used about 400 ml white vinegar with a nob of 0000 grade steel wool (about the size of a piece of jex) and let the mixture soak for several days. Some people like to use red or cider vinegar for the mix.

The idea is the mix will react with the tannin in the wood and turn it black.

Using a scrap piece of Red Oak I painted some of the mix onto the wood. If you look at the picture above on the far left I used only one coat, in the middle I used two coats. On the right I first painted the section with some black tea to lift the level of tannins in the surface of the wood and painted one coat of the ebonising mix. Along the bottom I painted some shellac to see what effect it would have.

I left the mix on the wood for about 30 minutes in all cases, what I noticed is just using the ebonising mix on its own, the first coat dried a dark grey brown and with the second coat the colour was a bit more grey, the piece I painted with black tea first, went black and the brown colour of the shellac highlighted all colours making them warmer.

I tried the ebonising mix on a piece of pine also but more tannin was needed to get a black colour, so obviously the level of tannins in the wood will have an effect on the outcome. I think I will paint the table I am building with black tea first before using the ebonising solution.

Or I might just go to the Hardware store and buy a stain..... but this would be less satisfying.

If any one has an unusual recipe please let me know.

....Phil

The Club thanks

Micronair
DUST CONTROL
for their invaluable assistance.

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

Bill's back into the hard task of selecting a nice new website to keep you busy on these colder nights.

Did you know our own home town of Ferntree Gully has its own COMMUNITY Webpage? Check out what else is happening in the foothills at: <http://www.ferntreegully.vic.au>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=ZNHVeCUQxeY

Short video from Stuart Mortimer demonstrating the making of a BIG bowl in Los Angles, Ontario, USA in 1997. The lathe is a Tyme Highlander, now owned by Nick Agar, which was shipped from UK to USA for the project. Stuart had turned a larger bowl earlier the same year, a world record size 8 foot 6 in size! This was turned in Detroit and Philadelphia shows.

The lathe was designed by Stuart Mortimer and made in the UK by Apollo lathes Barry Beck, and sold by Tyme. The lathe is no longer in production. **[Phil reckons we do this next show!]**

Rare as "Rocking Horse Pool!"

(evidently not so!)

see: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xc_fypU_DYM

**** Putting the blow torch to good use! ****

Started these beauties up today, I love the sound they make. I restored them a while ago and had a need to do some boy stuff today!



Before

and after..

....[Phil]

**** Viewers of Club website like LINKS ****

I wanted to say thanks for your webpage, <http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwclink.htm>

My name is Natalie, and my family and are planning some woodworking projects now that the kids are out of school. Your page has some great information and resources we'll be able to reference. Thanks a ton for compiling them!

I also wanted to share a useful woodworking resource that my daughter Bailey found while helping me, <http://www.mjjsales.com/articles/woodworking-faq.html>

Can you add this to your resources webpage? She's very into woodworking, but her friends don't share her enthusiasm, so I thought this would give her some extra encouragement. And I thought your other visitors would find it useful.

If you have any good project ideas for us, let me know! Hope you have a great week!

Best,
Natalie (USA)

(....Gaz has added this the links)

**** Computer Clues ****

A mini "layman's type guide" for members to combat potential cons/swindles etc with the use of their PC's. I try to go to the club as an escape from the computer industry. But I also like to share clues to innocent people who fall victim so many times to SCAMS.

1. Banks in Australia, BY LAW, do not ever email clients about security, pin, password or monetary information EVER. (They may promote products, but they NEVER seek you to login or respond by email with anything to do with your name, age, drivers license, address, account number, password, pin number NONE of those things.

NEVER respond or enter any personal information to anybody, in response to an unsolicited email that arrives. Take a walk to the bank and do business the old way when in doubt.

2. Australia is somewhat unique, in that **CREDIT CARDS** (not debit cards) have a level of protection whereby you, the customer has 6 months to read your statements and make a call disputing a line item that you believe is NOT your transaction. Unless the bank can provide written evidence of you signing the card for goods/services, they refund it.

3. **Anybody who rings you saying they've detected a fault on your computer**, and they need to help you fix it - is BULLDUST! This scam is so basic. A big percentage of people have a computer, and of those, a big percentage run Microsoft Windows (*Don't ask me why!!!*), and regardless of what version you have, that system LOGS every activity you do, and most of those activities are boring information warnings recording that you've read a file, printed a file, sent an email, turned on the machine etc etc etc. Many are logged in the EVENT LOG and to the uninitiated, they look like errors. 99% are not. They're just keeping track of what your machine is doing, and it helps "Support People" when there might be a real problem. The SCAMMER asks you to see if you have any such errors. You always will! But they're not problems. The caller makes you feel so worried, that they induce you to run some commands whereby YOU LET THEM get access to your machine, and they fleece you of \$200 from your credit card for doing nothing. They just clear out the old LOGS. Big deal! You never have to do that. But now they've seen all your personal information, have your credit card details, and can do all manner of fraudulent things with such personal information.

4. **Emails that have a subject line like: "Hi" or Hello** usually contain a virus that will create a problem on your machine. Don't open it, delete it.

5. **Just because an email appears to come from a colleague**, family, friend or supplier, doesn't mean it really is from them. It could be an email coming from a mischievous writer, who uses an email address identical to someone you know. If it is really urgent, people will ring you - unless it is the Microsoft SCAM above!

6. **Domestic home based computers are dangerous**. They fail to contain adequate protection from online hackers who can connect to your machine via the internet, they are used by people who often don't do any technical courses on security/protection software mechanisms, and people are over-trusting of junk mail and surfing bad websites on the internet. The end result is a machine that gets contaminated, and the cost of remedying it is more than the machine cost in the first place.

7. This is just the first half-dozen of 1000's of SCAM issues on computers.....

Remember, email isn't that important in life. If you're not expecting it, then it isn't important to you. Life can go on just fine, legally, financially and socially, if email didn't exist. Think of it in that light, and you won't fall victim to opening up emails that take you to a bad website, or have a hidden attachment that contains a spyware, malware, adware, trojan, worm, virus or other computer-cripling piece of software.

The exception, is the email you get from the KDWC to read the newsletter of course! Happy turning![Gaz]

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
- Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as
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**** Equipment for sale by TENDER ****

The following items are available for sale by TENDER this month

by lodging a SUBMISSION to the committee. Put your name, your best offered price, in an envelope in the MAIL SHUTE by the club doorway.



- 1. Cabinet which is in the new bay for "best offer"
- 2. GMF wood lathe (best offer OVER \$50)

***** Humour *****

Pipe Specifications.



- 1. All pipe is to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal, plastic concrete, clay or ceramic material around the hole.
- 2. All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length – do not use holes of different length than the pipe.



- 3. The inside diameter of all pipes must not exceed their outer diameter – otherwise the hole will be on the outside.



- 4. The pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole, so that water, wastewater, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
- 5. All pipe is to be supplied without rust; this can be more readily applied at the job site.



- 6. Some vendors are now able to supply pre-rusted pipes. If available in your area and if rust is desired, this product is highly recommended, as it will save a great deal of time at the job site.



- 7. All pipe over 500 ft (150 m) in length should have the words "LONG PIPE" clearly painted on each side and end, so contactors will know it's a long pipe.

- 8. Pipe over 2 miles (3.2 Km) in length should have the words "VERY LONG PIPE" clearly painted in the middle, so that the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether it is a long or a short pipe.



- 9. All pipe over 6 ft (1.83 m) in diameter should have the words "LARGE PIPE" clearly painted on it, so that the contractor won't mistake it for a small pipe.



- 10. Flanges must be used on all pipes. Flanges must have holes for bolts, quite separate from the big hole in the middle.



- 11. When ordering 90 or 30 elbows, be sure to specify left- hand or right-hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.

- 12. Be sure to specify to your vendor whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.



- 13. All couplings should have either right-hand or left-hand threads, but do not mix the threads, otherwise as the coupling is being screwed on to one pipe, it is being unscrewed from the other.



- 14. All pipes shorter than 1/8 inch (3 mm) in length are expensive to use, requiring many joints. They are generally known as washers.



- 15. Joints in pipes for water must be water tight. The pipes for vacuum or compressed air, however, need only be air tight.

- 16. Lengths of pipes may be welded or soldered together. This method is not recommended for concrete or earthenware pipes.



- 17. Other commodities are often confused with pipes. These include conduits, tubes, tunnels, drains, and tobacco pipes. Use only genuine pipes.



..Thanks for contributions [Ed]

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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	Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
Tuesday	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner General Access	Dick Webb Andre Cook	97645321 0488 585 970
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	0439 919758
Wednesday	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
Thursday	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
Friday	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	0439 919758 9754 2342
Saturday	see roster below and WORKING BEES				
Sunday	(closed)				

Saturday Morning Roster

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm		
July 5	Dick Webb	9764 5321
July 12	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
July 19	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
July 26	Louis Smith/Larry	97542342
Aug 2	Dick Webb	9764 5321
Aug 9	**working Bee**	

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.
Jalor Tools
Mitre-10 - Bayswater.
Pop's Shed.
Screwit - Supplier of Sacky 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	Continuous
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Clock	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014
Jewellery Box	Stringybark Festival.	Oct 2014

Important Diary Dates

Wed	18 th June	Committee Meeting	
Wed	2 nd July	Members Meeting	7.30PM
Wed	23 rd July	Committee Meeting	
Wed	6 th Aug	Members Meeting	7.30PM
Sat	9 th Aug	**WORKING BEE**	8:00AM !!
Sun	17 th Aug	BE-IN-IT competition.	

**** 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



PLEASE RETURN
SAFETY FORMS
