

# INGRAINED

## Monthly Newsletter of the Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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### President's Report – Hughie Gaynor.

In early September the Club was fortunate that a kitchen cabinet business, who were down sizing, offered us the opportunity to collect surplus **timber** which had accumulated over the past 10 years. All of the timber is furniture grade and thanks to a number of members who gave up 2 Saturday mornings, and the use of a hire truck, the Club is now the proud owner of a significant collection of valuable timber. At the last Committee meeting it was decided that this timber should be made available for sale to members at a reasonable cost which is less than what would be charged by wholesale/retail outlets.

To make it fair and equitable for all members it was further decided that the timber should be progressively offered for sale which will also help recoup the costs of the truck hire. Accordingly, the timber which comprises species from Australian and overseas sources and is now offered for sale, is stacked in the first two A frames in the Timber Store. All lengths are priced at \$5 per metre or part thereof, except especially long lengths which are individually priced.

If a member wishes to purchase some, the normal rules of contacting the keyholder on the day, agree the price, and ensure that when you put your \$ in the envelope, ensure that that it has your name and marked as timber sales which will greatly assist Serge balance the books. It should be especially noted, that the timber in the top 2 levels of the older type timber rack and adjacent to the trailer in the new wall rack, are not for sale now, but will be made available on a progressive basis to ensure that all members have a fair go.

Thanks to the **Knox Council Facilities Department** and their contractors, the mammoth job of replacing weatherboards, barge boards and a new door for the Timber Store, plus lots of sanding/prep/filling and painting has made our Clubrooms look a million dollars, particularly as the colour scheme now matches the other Council buildings on site. In addition, installation of netting on the Council building over the spoon drain, will hopefully prevent any future instances of flooding in the Horse room when a sudden downpour and accumulated leaves blocks the drain. The only outstanding job still remaining, which is in hand with Eric Butterfield and willing members of the Project

Group, is the construction of a new timber slab type sign suitably engraved to replace the former two Clubhouse signs (**Alf Stephens Rooms and Knox Woodworkers**), which unfortunately were badly weather affected and could not be re-used.

It was pleasing to note the tremendous response from members to our recent appeal for help to make **Christmas Gifts** for parents/guardians and other children. As members would be aware, last year the Club increased our involvement from the traditional 3, to 6 Community Groups and arising out of discussions, requests were made to see if we could provide assistance to what some may consider as the "forgotten people" as the main concentration at Christmas is generally for children.

In addition the Knox Toy Library requested what assistance we could offer for one of their initiatives as they had set up a new area to cater for children with special needs. I am delighted to report that many members answered this challenge, and I am sure the November presentation night will highlight this new initiative we have adopted with the variety and quality of gifts.

Also at the September Committee Meeting it was decided that we would not hold our December Christmas function this year based on the rational that we have already held our Trivia Night and our outstanding Christmas in July event, plus the fact that it is difficult for members to make a firm commitment due to normal family gatherings. As an alternative any member/s who wish to have a Christmas mini event, please feel free to get your special interest or normal attendance day group organised and use the Club's facilities for a sausage/hamburger sizzle. For good measure make an even greater event with carpet bowls games.

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### President's Report (Continued)

#### REMINDERS.

**AGM.** - Wednesday 7th October.

Any member/s who would like to volunteer their time to help out on the Committee, you have until 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th October to have your nomination form filled in. Please don't be shy as there is plenty of scope to match your individual talents and skills with the pick of a number of jobs to help make sure that the Club continues to operate successfully.

**WORKING BEE.** Saturday 10th October.

Apart from the usual clean up of the Clubrooms and Machine Shop areas, it is also intended to re-locate the former Festival Shed now known as Jacko's toy spray booth further along the fence line to a new spot nearly adjacent to the water tanks. In addition, thanks to the Thursday crew, all usable timber in the outside Timber rack has been re-located and all that remains is to decommission it's further use as a Timber Storage and to decide the future and quality of the remaining wooden slab treasures. Completion of these 2 tasks will enable proper measurements of the area to be taken to assist development of a plan to convert this current wasteland area into a proper bar-b-q area with adequate seating/tables/shaded areas/weatherproof areas for members to enjoy a functional outdoor area.

**STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL** 17th and 18th October at the Rowville Community Centre Fulham Road.

Help is required to load up the truck at The Clubrooms and unload at Rowville on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, PLUS all available members on both Saturday and Sunday to help man all of our activities. Don't forget that help is also required on Monday to retrieve all our gear and hopefully we will have managed to sell all our Kidz Korner toys and we hope that it will be an easier job as we will just have lots of empty trays. On the 14th of October two members of the Committee will be attending the formal Knox Council induction process, that will be in place this year and I imagine that arrangements will be similar to last year, with all members assisting on site having to wear wrist bands.

**TOY/GIFT Presentation night** - Wednesday 4th November.

Set the date in the calendar and be part of a great event. This year representatives from [St Vincent de Paul](#), [Victims of Crime](#), [Knox Infolink](#), [Foothills Community](#), [Knox Toy Library](#) and [Father Christmas](#) (*secret - he is from the William Anglis Hospital*) will be on hand to tell us a little about the great work they do in the Community and how our donations of skills for the gifts that have been making, will make a vast difference to those who are less fortunate.

**AUCTION NIGHT** -Wednesday 2nd December.

Now that you have adjusted to Daylight Saving no more excuses why you haven't tidied up all your treasures- just sort them out, and if you happen to have any that you no longer want, put them aside and donate them to a good Woody cause. More information will be available next month.

.....Hughie

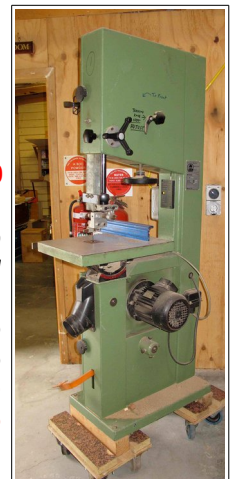
### Equipment for sale by TENDER



#### 1x Band Saw for sale by TENDER

See in Timber Store  
reserve price  
**REDUCED to \$250**

Normal process is to lodge **SUBMISSION** to the committee, putting your name and best offered price in an **envelope in MAIL SHUTE** by the club doorway.



#### 1 x GMC LATHE as below. BEST OFFER. (No reserve)



#### Associate WOODIE also has LATHE 4 SALE

Call direct: **Hugh Aldersey** mobile: **0450 038 298**

#### Subject to prior sale

Bench mount Lathe (*needs a bench to mount it on.*)  
small 350m diameter 1m between centres. **\$150.00 firm**  
4 belt speeds.

Dog driver headstock, few chisels

Can be seen running but ring for appointment.

Location: **Ferntree Gully.**

Reliable and ideal for any mid-sized jobs.

#### Generous DONATION by MATTHEWS TIMBER

The club would like to **THANKS** and recognise the generous donation made of timber, from **MATTHEWS TIMBER**. This occurred on 22<sup>nd</sup> August at the time of last month's publication. Member, Marek Gehrman presented them with two lovely pens made from the timber.

*Top work, Marek! .... [Ed]*

<http://mathestimber.com.au>

Whilst many will recall their long standing operation in Nunawading, their operations today are at:

1-43 Rushdale St,

**Knoxfield** 3180 Victoria

T (03) **8756-6333** or T 1800 338 874



**MATHEWS**  
timber

Australian owned  
family business  
Established in 1959

**“Around the Club”**

**New Banner.**

Some spot-on graphics design and preparation has gone into the making of a new banner for promoting our Club at Festivals and Events. Seen here, **Tom Noonan** and **Frank Collins** with the finished product., The graphics were designed by Frank's son, **Shannon Collins**. First viewing will be at the Stringybark festival.



*Thanks to Karen Button for pics. [..Ed]*

**KDWC information for Members on Club's website**

COMMITTEE EMAIL: [secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au](mailto:secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au)  
 WEBSITE: [www.knoxwoodies.org.au](http://www.knoxwoodies.org.au)  
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 Membership: [alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcmemb.htm](http://alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcmemb.htm)  
 SAFETY: [alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm](http://alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm)  
 N e w s l e t t e r s : [alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcnews.htm](http://alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcnews.htm)  
 Banking Details (name/purpose!) Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000

**“Around the Club”**

**TOY COUNT for XMAS Presentations: so far: 478+**  
**Toy Making** and preparing kits for **Kiz Korner**, is great for 'those looking to practice their new skills' at woodworking. *Keep in mind if you've a spare few moments! ...Ed.*

**Member's Birthdays – OCT**



Member	Low	day:
Robert	Low	1
Jeffrey	Smart	6
Darran	Collins	6
Charles	Bruckner	7
Brian	Garbett	10
David	Lamble	15
Ladislav	Toman	22
Mary	Reynolds	25
Michael	Samai	25
Ted	Gillbee	26
Hurtle	Lupton	27
Peter	Uhd	28
Michael	White	28
Eddie	Mann	29
Brian	Pereira	30
John	Hanley	31

**The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:**

Hope you have a top day, and enjoy the year ahead! .. Ed!

**Member's Welfare**

Best wishes of a full & speedy recovery to those in ill health. **Monette Hoppitt** is still recovering from a neck injury, and mentioned she may be a little longer getting back into woodworking. In contrast, our Presidente, **Hughie**, is getting over his man-cold, but still managing to steer the ship towards the AGM.

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

**Enquiries about SOCIAL EVENTS?**

For all social event suggestions  
 Contact: **Karen Button** 0407 556 666

**Typical questions we get about joining the Club**

The many emails/calls we receive enquiring about what is involved in joining the club. Some usual questions are:

- Can we teach? No. we can't, we are not allowed to. But we share a great lot of experience with fellow members.
- Are there other lady members? Sure are – we have plenty. Age, gender, occupations and team preferences are of no issue with 'Woodies'. We're just crazy about wood!
- How do I find out about what the club is like? Well drop in on a meeting night (1<sup>st</sup> of the month) or when the club is open, We love showing visitors how to become members! Refer to last page of latest NEWSLETTER for open times.

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

**Events outside the CLUB**  
**Council of Woodwork Clubs shares these events**

More events for you to consider putting in your diary if you're in the area at the right time.

- The Barwon Valley Woodwrights is holding its annual Woodcraft exhibition in the Masonic Centre Belmont on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015, 10AM - 4PM Daily - Admission \$5.00. Location: Cnr Regent St and Church St Belmont, Geelong. Further details from Laury Vella, 0408 551 824 or lauryvella@bigpond.com - or check their website at <http://www.barwonvalleywoodwrights.com/news.html>
- The Canberra Timber and Working with Wood show will now be held on 6 - 8 November (still at Exhibition Park in Canberra). Further details can be obtained [here](#).
- Alexandra Community Shed/Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild will be presenting their 19th Annual Wood Show on Saturday 10th October 2015. [Further information is attached.](#)

*Thanks for this information from Alison Dews ....[Ed]*

**Max Holt's tremendous work for Cerebral Palsey**

Long time member, **Max Holt**, has taken on many a technical challenge, and we've all enjoyed his handiwork that he presents at Be-In-It competitions and the like. But Max has some other projects afoot that will be occupying his research time elsewhere, but needless to say, will always be welcome to make a visit. But it would be remiss not to make mention of the incredible work he has provided personally, in the making of some 535 various styled aids, like specially designed stools for CPEC. Here's a recent 'batch' going out to make life a little easier for those with this condition. Max: From all us "Woodies" we wish you every possible success and happiness in your new projects down Surrey Hills way! Cheers! .....[Ed]



Powder Coated Stool Seat

**Jean Wheatley visits Cooroora Club – Cooroy QLD**



While on holiday last week on the Sunshine Coast (Qld) I called in on the Cooroora Woodworkers Club in Cooroy. My husband & I were made feel most welcome & we were shown over their facilities with enthusiasm & pride. They are a fantastic club of about 100 members located on the site of an old timber mill in the town's heritage precinct. Their workshop is in what was once the drying kilns. The walls are about half a metre thick concrete. They have the usual array of machines as well as milling machinery for preparing slabs & turning blanks for their members. I exercised great restraint & purchased only 4 turning blanks, which I carried in my hand luggage on the plane.

*Pictures and commentary from Member: Jean Wheatley*

**Marek Gehrman shares news of new AXE**



The axe is one of the oldest tools known to mankind, and its basic design typically changes very little. The Leveraxe, however, strays from that blueprint. As a result, it's said to be more effective than a traditional axe, require less power, be safer and not get stuck in the wood. Details from: <http://www.gizmag.com/leveraxe-rotational-axe/39042/pictures>

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### Workshop Notes - "members helping members"

**Phil Spencer** has really come with some inspiring technical articles for this regular TECHNICAL column. This month Phil reminds us of some very **important SAFETY points**, and of course, members are reminded of the Club's overall OH&S publications on the website Safety page. This is a good reminder though, as it is just so easy to get complacent when enjoying your hobby!

**What's your WIP presently? Drop a line with pictures to the Club's email, to include in the Newsletter to share with the others. ....[Phil]**

#### 1. Always Wear Safety Equipment

This might seem like a common sense kind of rule, but it's an important one to remember. During usage of loud power tools like routers and surface planers, wearing ear protection is a noted advantage. Similarly, wear latex gloves while applying finishes. NEVER BE WITHOUT YOUR SAFETY GLASSES. These should be the first thing you reach for when entering the shop.

#### 2. Wear The Right Clothes

The problem with wearing baggy or loose clothes is the very high chance that a part of them might get caught in a cutting head or saw blade. As a result, try to always wear clothes that you are a better match for the woodworking environment, but also protect you. Also always ensure that any dangling jewellery or metal such as chains or bracelets, are removed before commencing work.

#### 3. Avoid Using Anything That Can Impair Your Reaction Time and Judgement

It's like when you're driving a car: you want to stay out of the alcohol and drug cabinets to avoid accidents. In the wood shop, the dangers are even higher by inadvertently using the wrong tool because you're too out of it to see what you are doing wrong. NEVER mix alcohol with work, even if it's just a beer...or ten.

#### 4. Disconnect Power

Always remember to disconnect the power source itself before changing blades or bits on your power tools. In addition to ensuring the switch is off, make sure there is no electricity being powered to the tool, since the switch can malfunction and/or accidentally get turned on.

#### 5. Use A Single Extension Cord

Using one heavy duty extension cord for all your power tools will ensure that you switch off the power for each tool. Too many cords can get confusing and be a tripping hazard.

#### 6. Never Use Blunt Blades & Bits

While this might seem obvious seeing as how dangerous a dull cutting tool can be. Dull tools will need to be made to work harder to cut and as a result can bind or kick back. Sharp bits and blades will ensure cleaner cuts as well.

#### 7. Check Stock for Existing Metal

Before sawing through or making a cut, ensure that the piece of stock doesn't have existing nails, screws or other pieces of metal lodged into it already. Spinning blades and nails (and other pieces of metal) don't mix well together causing damage to both the stock and the cutting head. It can also cause stock to kick back and cause injury, so always ensure (or use a metal detector to ensure for you) that the stock is clean.

#### 8. Work Against The Cutter

Most power tools are built in a way that requires the direction a piece of wood moves through the tool, is the opposite direction of the cutting head's movement. So you need to ensure that the blade or router bit cuts against the motion of the wood instead of with it.

#### 9. Never Reach Over A Running Blade

Always wait until a spinning blade has stopped moving before reaching to remove waste or cut-offs etc. Or to be on the extremely safe side, remove waste by using a push stick or piece of scrap so as to ensure an inadvertent power tool switch malfunction, doesn't turn deadly.

#### 10. Minimize Distractions

When dealing with distractions, you want to ensure that you finish what you were doing (finishing a cut, especially when working with a power tool) before turning your attention elsewhere.

...[Phil]

### Bill's WEBSITE of the Month!

**Bill Ireland** is getting some fine assistance from like minded woodies who like finding information on the web, and this is some more of the good oil from our members:

For those who really like wood (*don't we all?*)... check this : From **Marek Gehmann**: re: Jeffro Uitto. <http://www.jeffrouitto.com/gallery/index.html>

.....thanks for all contributions to Bill's column!

### A challenge to test your skills!

This must be made from ONE SINGLE plank of wood, with no hinge hardware whatsoever – just the wood used for folding up and using as a 'rest' for saw a book or ornament.



Secret unfolded.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlkAqYalrQ>

What a brilliant idea!

But, OH! All the sawing!

...[Ed]

### HUMOR



**New safety footwear for the workplace**

**THE  
STEELCAP Thong**

Designed in Australia  
for  
Australians

Available from all good Aussie owned safety shops  
**Proudly designed and manufactured by Blundssi Boots**  
Also available for New Zealand use as "Jandois Bro"

**The Club thanks**

 **Micronair**  
D U S T C O N T R O L  
**for their invaluable assistance.**

**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>	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner General Access	Dick Webb Andre Cook	97645321 0488 585 970
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Larry Bearman	0413 082 858
<b>Wednesday</b>	08:30AM	- 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	Peter Vermaas	9795 3468
<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**

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WORKING BEE</b>	(closed)
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Stringybark Festival</b>	<b>Clubhouse closed</b>
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	Louis Smith/Larry Bearman	9754 2342 / 0413 082858
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Webb	9764 5321
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Smith/Larry Bearman	9754 2342 / 0413 082858

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

**Current Projects in progress**

Project (ref: Eric)	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged	Continuous
	Kids for Xmas	In Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Adult/Joint toy/gifts	Various for Xmas	Continuous
Various Turnings	Festival stock &c	In Progress
Kidz Korner kits	KK Activities	<b>Continuous</b>
Rocking Horse	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Clock	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Turned Bowl	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Jewellery Box	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct

**Member's 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)
- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tec.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Jalor Tools
- Masters
- Mitre-10 - Bayswater.
- Plywood Distributors, Dandenong (\*NEW)
- Pop's Shed.
- Screwit – Supplier of Sachy Screws
- Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
- Woodworking Machinery Specialists.
- The Woodworking Warehouse

**Important Diary Dates and coming events**

Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	7.30PM
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Working Bee</b>	8.00AM
Sat/Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Stringybark Festival</b>	2 days
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Committee Meeting	
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Member's Meeting	7.30PM
		<b>XMAS TOY/GIFT PRESENTATION</b>	
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Committee Meeting	
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Member's Meeting	7.30PM
		<b>AUCTION NIGHT</b>	

**\*\* STOP PRESS \*\***

**Club CLOSED: Sat/Sun Oct 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> OCT STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL**  
 Any late raffle tickets – please return.

**AGM night. Be sure your subscription is paid to vote**

**Merchandise and Materials on sale at 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