

## HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc was born October 5th 1988.

As with most worthwhile offspring, the actual concept of the Club was conceived much earlier by Alf Stephens a long time resident of Ferntree Gully and instrumental in the creation of a number of community based organisations.

The concept took to print in the Winter of 1988 when Alf published an advertisement in the local paper seeking interested parties to meet and discuss the formation of a local woodworking club.

The inaugural meeting was held at the Ferntree Gully Technical School where approximately 50 people attended, many of them by virtue of reading the announcement in the paper.

The meeting was chaired by local Councillor Wally Tew and it was under his chair that the motion was put and passed unanimously that the proposed Club be formed. Many of the first members to join within the first two months of that meeting are present in the Club today as 'Foundation Members'.

During the crucial first months of the Club, much was to be done. The 'aims' of the club were established and the Committee set about establishing activities in pursuing these aims.

Of significant help at that time, was the co-operation and generosity extended by the Principal of Glenburn Secondary College. The Club was permitted access to the woodworking rooms of the College to hold meetings. There, the Club had access to excellent tools and facilities.

As the Club grew and greater access to facilities was needed, it became clear that the Club needed 'a home of its own'. The College assisted by way of providing the Club with the Gym room which gave the members greater space and also allowed the Club time to seriously consider the next step - its own Clubrooms.

It was the Knox Council who came up with the solution. Following many weeks of searching and discussions with local businesses and community groups, the Club's property sub-committee gained the approval of the Council to share the facilities at Glenfern Rd.

In the time since moving to the current Clubrooms, the Club has expanded considerably in numbers and the equipment and material facilities of the Club have been substantially added to, giving members today an excellent workshop environment to improve their knowledge and love of woodwork.