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Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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Presidents Report

April started out with a bus trip to Marysville and what a great day it turned out to be. The weather was fine, Bruno's Gallery fantastic, the BBQ lunch fabulous, Stevenson's Falls impressive and plenty of time for sight seeing round Marysville. All round it was a good day for everyone. Thanks to Paul and Jim for their help.

This month Vic Oberg and yours truly rubbed shoulders with the Governor of Victoria, John Landy. The Mayor of Knox, Karin Orpen, presented him with a Mackay cedar bowl, turned by Vic, and a pen, made from wood from the 100 year old pine tree, by me. Mr Landy was thrilled with the gifts.

Gerry Daelmans and Willy Schalf represented the club at the CVWC Festival of Woodwork. Gerry took out 2nd prize in his class. Congratulations Gerry and thanks to you both for representing the club.

Don't forget the wood turning demonstration by Gulio Marcolonga on Sunday May 5, 9am. See Doug or Bob for tickets. I'm sure it will be an interesting day of wood turning for us all.

Once again I appeal to everyone to make a toy or two for the Christmas Appeal, time is marching on.

The 'Be In It' competition will be held on August 6th. Members should not be put off by the title of the competition for, whilst awards are given for the best in a number of categories, the real point of the afternoon is to bring along something you have made within the last twelve months, to show the variety of work we all do. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to view the work of other members and enjoy a social afternoon together. I hope to see you there.

Around the Club

Congratulations to Doug Dell who recently attained the ripe old age of three score and twelve

Whilst the April issue of Ingrained reported on the activities of the Knox Festival there was one action that escaped the reporter's attention and this was probably the highlight of the weekend.

Around lunch time on the Sunday our stand received a visit from the "tall lady". Who amongst our members would you expect would indulge with her in an Irish jig, none other than our walking wounded committee member (no names mentioned) but well-done Paddy.

It's just a pity we didn't have a movie or at least a snapshot.

If you see any interesting happenings that would be suitable for "Around the Club" please pass them on the Newsletter Editor, or place them in the newsletter pigeon hole

Turner's Talk

There is still plenty of activity and lots of shavings with the turners still hard at it. Monday is still extremely busy and we are currently looking at making a morning and an afternoon group. If you have any comments about this, please pass them onto John Hookes, Jan or Bob.

Remember the Australian Woodturning Exhibition is on soon, if you are interested, entry forms available from Bob Plant.

We are currently looking at purchasing another style of pen kit with a bigger ring in the middle but still using a standard mandrel. The price for the kits will be about \$17 for five pens.

Jan Brown & Bob Plant

New Members

We have three new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them welcome.

The new members are: - Colin Hart
David Watson
Jean-Christian Muschler

We now have a membership of 146 members.

Bus Trip to Marysville

On the 6th of April, two full Rowville Coaches left the clubrooms at 8am. The morning was overcast and as we climbed over the Black Spur, the sun came out and greeted us when we stopped for morning tea at a picnic area overlooking the ranges. "What a magnificent view". We had Jonno's special cup of tea and coffee and cakes during the break and then headed off to Marysville.

Marysville is a beautiful little village surrounded by mountain ranges. Our next stop was at Bruno's Gallery, which was created by Bruno himself with all of his fascinating works of art and sculpture. Bruno met us at the door and we were split into two groups. Our group went to see all of his comical work, you have to go there to see it. Bruno was very entertaining with his comical interpretations of his works of art. After he took us through the gallery, we explored his forest garden with pathways that went in all directions. By following the arrows, set amongst the bushes and creeks, were the most fascinating sculptures we were able to put our own interpretations too.

In the meantime at Stevenson's Falls, our coach captains prepared our barbecue lunch of chicken snags and rissoles and salad and finished off with fruit salad and cheesecake.

After lunch we helped clean up and then drove to the Falls and had a lovely walk to settle our huge lunch. We drove back to the village for a wander around the shops and a coffee at one of the lovely outdoor cafes, where parrots us.

Back to the coaches at about 3.45 for the trip home arriving at around 5.00 tired and happy.

Our Day trips are great fun and many of us eagerly await the next one.

Many thanks to Jonno and the Rowville Coaches
Bruce Allen

Marysville Revisited

- Great Company
- A scenic drive through lovely country side
- A meal fit for a king
- A pleasant wander through the streets of a quaint town
- A beaut day!



The highlight of the day was Bruno's Gallery. Bruno is a brilliant artist who gives such life and soul to his sculptures. The only question I ask is who was more interesting, Bruno or his sculptures?

The only downfall of the day was when we getting ready to board the bus and somebody passing by, referred to our group as "a bunch of old pensioners having another day out". Thanks to the nursing homes for letting us oldies out for the day.

Elysha Neylan (age 22 Ha Ha she wishes)

On Workshop & Safety Matters

The club has recently purchased a Heli-Grind sharpening system for the lathe tools. This is an excellent system for sharpening tools accurately and consistently and therefore achieving better results in finish.

There are a few tricks to using the Heli-Grind, so members are asked to see how it works before they try it themselves. There will be a list with the equipment of those who have been shown how to use it, please don't use it until you have been shown how. The Heli-Grind will be kept in the mobile lathe equipment cabinet.

Members are reminded that logs or round timber are banned from being cut on all of the clubs machinery. Recently it was noticed that the bench saw had been used to cut a branch along the grain, it is an unacceptable and dangerous practise. It appears to be carried out by the mysterious "Phantom" again!!!!!!

Safety Committee

In response to discussions at the April Meeting, a Safety Committee has been formed with Peter Sleeman as the Convenor. The initial brief of the group is to look at the safe use of equipment in the machine room. The equipment has been broken down into five areas with the bench and bandsaws being the first priority. It is planned that ALL members will undertake a safety review on the five equipment areas in the machine room.

Stage 1 The Bench Saws

To be able to use the above equipment, ALL members will be required to undertake a safety review by the 1st June.

Process

- Designated trainers will be available at the current opening times of the club except Saturdays.
- The club will be open on Thursday Evenings for Safety reviews only
- Each group will have up to 4 members, a booking list will be on the clubs notice board
- Members will be signed off after completing the review and the results noted on the clubs records.

It is proposed that Stage 2 will run from the 1st of June to the 1st July.

This is seen as an important part of the clubs development.

Members of the Safety Committee

Woodwork Is Not All Hard Work.

Dining with the Governor John Landy on April 18th were our President Peter Sleeman and member Vic Oberg and his wife.

Why? Well this was the occasion of the Governor's visit to the City of Knox and the club had been approached to make two gifts for the honoured guest. Peter made a pen from the 100 year old pine tree taken from outside the Ferntree Gully Station and now residing on our property. Vic made a beautiful Mackay cedar bowl. Great to see both members invited to the official lunch, but beware fellows it's back to sandwiches at the club from now on.

A Visit To The Victorian Festival Of Woodworking Show

What a great source of inspiration this show was! Upstairs many clubs displayed articles their members had made, from the novice wood workers to the more advanced. Our club was well represented by Willy and Gerry. They showed off their excellent carving work and demonstrated their art to many interested passers-by. The downstairs gallery was reserved for works by craftspeople of the calibre of Ted Anderson and his ilk. A high standard of work was presented and gave us something to aspire to! Much of this work was really "thinking outside the square" in relation to design and finish. The International Wood Collectors Society had a fascinating collection of (mostly) rare samples of wood from around the world

Outside there were marquees with filled with woodturning demonstrators, tools etc for sale and wood (mainly for turning) being offered to those of us who can't resist yet another piece to add to our collection! Some enterprising clubs sold food while others (like Eildon Club) sold chisels that they had made.

All in all it was a great day for anyone interested in wood and all the accessories/tools/polishes/machinery etc. etc. that go with working with wood. It was very hard NOT to spend any money!

Jan Brown

C.V. W.C. (Council Of Victorian Woodwork Clubs) Woodwork Show At Manningham On 20/21st April.

Many thanks to Gerry Daelmans and Willy Schlaf for representing the club at this event. These two members stood for the two days carving and answering questions and queries from the many visitors to this not to be missed show. Gerry put two entries into the carving and won a second and a third with a second over-all in his section. Well done Gerry and Willy.

Woodies Tips

Shellac prevents glue squeeze-out problems

To prevent glue squeeze-out problems when assembling drawers, simply finish the insides of the drawers before assembly. Sand all of the inside drawer parts, and apply two or three coats of shellac, carefully avoiding the surfaces that will be glued. Later, when you assemble the drawers, any bead of glue will pop right off after it has dried.

Working Bee

Our regular bi-monthly working bee went ahead on Saturday the 13th April with quite a few of our members present (we could always do with more help). The work carried out was mainly cleaning the workshops, storerooms, and kitchen area and repositioning the lathes in the machine room. The result was that the workshops looked great (for a few days anyway).

We realize that all are unable to attend the working bees and it was great to see the work carried out by one of these members who built some much needed shelving for "John's Shed", great stuff!

Thanks to all

The Committee

Siting In The Workshop

*I am sitting in the workshop with my hand upon a block
I am deep in mental thought and I'm taking mental stock
I've been thinking now for quite a while on what to make-
It shouldn't be that hard. Come to think, for goodness sake*

*Now, I have made my niece a rocking horse
(Who hasn't? Everyone of course)
I've made a Tudor stool and stained it in walnut brown
- it must be the youngest antique in town.*

*I made a giant dolly peg, and true, it was BIG
Then, for a bit of variety, I made a wooden pig*

*I've made a range of scrap wood toys—
cradles for the girls, boats for the boys
Oh what to make? What comes to mind?
I'll take any idea what comes to mind*

*I am sitting in my workshop with my hand upon the block
You know, it's got potential-its hard as a rock
I could trim it with a bandsaw and cut it down to size;
It's big enough, got good colour and it's grain is quite a prize.
Yes-any way you look at it, it is a real godsend
It's such an ideal piece for a pair of bookends!*

*I'm sitting in my woodshed working on my plan
I'm comfortable now I'm active, with my tools in my hands
I've come up with a plan hat needs to be refined
It doesn't really matter, just as long as it is mine.*

*I'm sitting in the workshop, putting my idea to the test
When you work in your own dreams, it always seems the best
From Shavings in a very early copy of
Australian Woodworker.*

Club Librarian.

Your committee is delighted that Ray Pike has come forward and volunteered his services as our club's librarian. Ray will attempt to sort out and list the many publications that over time have been donated to the club. Anything that you might do to assist Ray would I am sure be much appreciated.

"Re-structuring," means that you may lose your job
"Rationalising," means that you will probably lose your job

"Winding down (down sizing)" means that you are absolutely certain to lose your job
; means were lost bit we don't want you to know

Workshop Hours

Monday (Nb day is woodturning only)	9.00 am - 2.00 pm	Bob Plant	9754 5920
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bill Longdon	9758 2438
Tuesday	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3926
Thursday	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Amindo	9758 1733
Friday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Mornings

May 4 th	8.00 am - 12.30 pm	Reiner Lolkema	9754- 4567
May 11 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
May 18 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
May 25 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
June 1 st	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms

Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day at 9.00 to 2.00	Every week	Day woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Every week	Carvers & Burners Festival kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Wednesday	Evening	Every week	Evening woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking horse group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes

What's Coming Up

At The Club

Sunday 5th May
 Woodturning Demonstration by
 Guilio Marcalonga at the club

Wednesday 22nd May
 Committee meeting

Wednesday June 5th
 Monthly Meeting

Saturday June 8th
 Working Bee

Monday 10th June
 Club closed Queens Birthday

Sunday 6th August
 BE IN IT Competition

In The Big "Woodies" World

May on Wednesdays at 11am and
 Saturdays at 10.30am
 Wood turning tips and demos by Len
 Smith at The Woodsmith in
 Bayswater.

June 14-16
Australian Woodturning Exhibition
 at Manningham

June 15th, 17th and 18th
 Sorby Tool demonstration by Tony
 Kwasniak the Marketing Manager and
 Chief Turning Instructor from Robert
 Sorby's.

- At The Woodsmiths in Bayswater.
- 2 sessions each day

- Cost \$12 (includes refreshments and a Sorby voucher)
- Bookings and early payment essential. Phone 9761 4622

