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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District  
Woodworkers Club*



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## Your Executive Committee for 2002 / 2003

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER

Another year almost gone – where did it go? We've had a very busy year round the club with the Knox Festival, the Stringybark Festival, the toys for Christmas and the rocking horses that have been made. I congratulate all those who participated in a variety of ways; it was a truly magnificent effort. In the New Year we start all over again! Let's see what we can do then.

We have been busy improving the facilities throughout the year and this work will be ongoing in the New Year. More working bees are scheduled with dates to be publicised nearer to time. Please help when and where you can as it is for all members' benefit.

Our Christmas Breakup night will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. BYO drinks. \$7.50 per head. I hope you have booked for this chance for a final get together for 2002!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Sleeman.

## THE KNOX FESTIVAL

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2003

This festival is early next year so mark your diary now to attend and help, even if it is just for a couple of hours. It is an opportunity to have fun and interact with other members while giving kids some fun making toys and giving adults an idea of what we do at our club. We will also be asking people to help sell the raffle tickets at Bunnings once the dates are set following approval from Bunnings.

All this, and we raise some funds for the club as well!!

## "Around the Club"

Saw Neville Hargreaves fully absorbed and working on a blanket box for his daughter.



Andy Ricke has only been a member for about a month but he is already into "turning" to complete the legs for the writing bureau he has been working on progressively over the last 8 months. He commented on how turning was easier than he thought, but unfortunately I saw Bruce

Allen helping him glue the leg together 10 minutes after this photo was taken as the inevitable happened and the leg had snapped!! It happens to all of us, Andy!



Here is Bruce Allen contributing his usual share of good effort on the rocking horse for the Knox Festival raffle. Even he says, he is embarrassed by the number of times he is in photos in the newspaper etc lately, so I promise not to include him for a while!!

Peter Horsburgh mentioned that he was at the Lilydale Annual Show recently and was

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very surprised to see three of the club's pencil case kits and five of our toolbox kits, made up and beautifully decorated. He was delighted that some of these items won 1st & 2nd prizes. There's obviously no telling just where our kits will end up!

Jan Brown



"The team of 5", Nancy Stephens, George Luste, Paddy McCann, Bruce Allen (oh no, not him in a picture again!) and Gerry Daelmans at the FTG Festival on

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. No, that is not a halo above Bruce's head, just a rain drop on the camera lens as it was unfortunately a miserable drizzly day. By the way, where are the children making their toys? But then, if you were a tiny tot would you want to go up in the rain and have to face this lot all looking like Darth Vader in their dark rain jackets and hoods! We need the rain, but did it have to be on that day?

## TELL ME ABOUT IT !

Got a bee in your bonnet?

*Tell me about it*

Read something interesting?

*Send me a cutting*

Want to contribute an article or photo?

(remember to give a reference source for acknowledgment, if known, if it is not your own work)

*Send it to me*

Got an unsolved problem?

*Ask OUR readers*

We've introduced an "Around the club" segment so we can highlight what YOU individual members are doing.

*Tell me what you or friends are doing and working on*

It's your Newsletter  
Tell me YOUR news!

(Adapted and modified from an article in the Forest Hill Woodturners Inc. newsletter)

Contact me in person at the club, or by phone, or leave it in my pigeonhole or email me at [plucas@goconnect.net](mailto:plucas@goconnect.net)

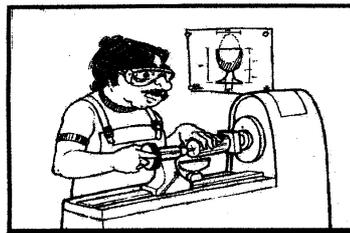
Paul Lucas

Turner & Woodturners



Woodworkers Club

## Turner's Talk



We have formed a planning team for woodturning, the purpose of the group is to coordinate turning in the club and plan future developments. The members of the team

are Jan Brown, John Hookes, Vic Oberg, Jim Marshall, Frank O'Connor and Bob Plant, if you are interested in joining or have any ideas, please contact one of the members.

We will still be having our woodturning day on Monday from 9.00am to 2.00pm but plan to move the Wednesday evening session to Tuesday evenings. We plan to run a program with regular demonstrations by club members on different aspects of turning and propose to have different activities each week of the month.

At this stage we are looking at: -

- Week 1 Member's projects
- Week 2 Planned project
- Week 3 Turning toys for Christmas appeal
- Week 4 Preparation of turning wood and workshop and lathe maintenance and members projects

As we progress this may change to suit our needs.

If you have been up the club recently you will have noticed that our wood storage shed is well under way. We plan to be in our new turning room by the end of January; this should ease our space problems in our machine room. If you can help with this work, please contact a team member, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Bob Plant

## Wagga Wagga Turn About 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2003

Wagga Wagga also has a great Turn About. It happens between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2003 (the weekend after the Labour Day) There is already interest from several club members, it's another turning event not to be missed if you have the chance, I can vouch for that. I have application forms for anyone interested.

Bob Plant

## A BIG THANK YOU TO BOB PLANT

Bob has been editor of this monthly newsletter for over 2 years and you will agree it has been raised to a marvellous consistent standard that compares well with any other newsletter issued by other similar woodwork clubs. I know you join the committee in thanking Bob for this contribution to the club, as a good newsletter keeps you all

informed and adds to the friendliness within the club. He will obviously continue to actively contribute to the newsletter with turning news and general news and information.

The Committee & all members

## Working Bee on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

If you could spare some time on Thursday morning it would be great to see you there from around 9:00 am. NB - the workshop will definitely not be available while the working bee is on.

## A welcome to New Members

We have 3 new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them feel part of the club family. The new members are: -

Tim Hackett  
Sandra Lange  
Richard Whitehead

## Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now well over due and should be paid as soon as possible.

If you are not intending to renew your membership please advise either Doug Dell or Charles Bruckner ASAP so they can adjust the new membership list accordingly.

Doug Dell

## Camphor laurel (Cinnamomum camphora)

Camphor laurel seeds were brought to Australia in 1822 and the plant was re-introduced in 1855 and widely distributed to horticulturists and botanical gardens etc around that time.

With the removal of the ' Big Scrub' (which was the largest area of uninterrupted rainforest on mainland Australia) and the establishment of farms, it was recommended by botanists as a good replacement tree for a number of reasons. It was used for wind breaks, containment of soil erosion and as an ornamental garden tree - hence many larger specimens can be seen today in school yards and older established public places.

Throughout the twentieth century, as a result of the decline of the dairy industry, Camphor laurel's have been allowed to proliferate on disused pasture along the coastal hinterland of New South Wales and parts of Queensland. Camphor laurels were still recommended for planting up until the 60's and 70's when it was realised they were fast becoming a noxious plant in the same category as other introduced plants such as Lantana and Groundsel. As a result farmers now find themselves with a problem on their hands with the necessary removal of these trees, in particular where birds spread them along fencelines, also the seed is washed into and along the river systems.



The prevailing attitude of people on the land is to remove them by localised poisoning or felling and burning. The trees are also considered to be an obstruction to natural rainforest regeneration due to the fact that they inhibit expansion of native plant growth.

The Camphor growing in this area has extraordinary colour and grain and as a result there have been times in our recent history where we have exported timber to Asia and later re-imported it as a finished product.

Being a native of Asia the tree has cultural significance to Asian peoples and has been used for centuries for scent, camphor oil, crystallised camphor blocks for use in religious ceremonies and for medicinal preparations. It is also considered a valuable timber for furniture and carvings.

The use of this timber locally is limited but many people are starting to realise its value for furniture. There are many fine craftsmen on the North Coast of NSW who make some of the highest quality furniture available from this otherwise unwanted tree.

It has been estimated that there is something like 250 000 M3 of millable Camphor on the North Coast of NSW. At current prices this represents a value of between 100 & 200 Million Dollars. Not bad for what some people call a weed!

Bob Plant

## WE WANT YOU TO BE A SAFE & HEALTHY WOODWORKER

**Please remember to always wear appropriate safety gear when using the equipment in the club (or your own equipment at home).**

Do yourself a favour and don't work at the club (or at home) when tired or distracted as you are responsible for your own safety – the club's public liability insurance policy does not cover your personal injuries while at the club!

Don't forget that equipment you are using at the club may not require you wearing particular safety gear, BUT always check to see if you need extra safety protection while other members are using other equipment around you.

Being a public liability cover, the club's policy covers you for "3<sup>rd</sup> party injuries" – in other words, if you are injured by what others are doing near you – BUT ONLY IF YOU ARE WEARING APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE GEAR.

The longer-term injuries to your wellbeing are from noise and dust so always wear your ear protectors and dust mask when appropriate.

The above sounds depressing, but we all know that woodworking is as safe as any other activity, if you just apply common sense!

**THINK SAFE WOODWORKING !**



## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday</b> (NB the day session is for woodturning only)	9.00 am - 2.00 pm	Bob Plant	9754 5920
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde	9758 1733
<b>Friday</b>	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Mornings

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2003	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	WORKING BEE	

*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	9.00 am to 2.00 pm	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 Semenov 9758 6024
				Allen Brookes 9762 4032

## What's Coming Up

### At The Club

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Working Bee at 9am (replaces Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Break Up from 5pm for those already booked

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2003**

Committee Meeting

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2003**

Monthly Meeting

### In The Big "Woodies" World

3 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Exhibition of Fine Woodcraft at Manningham Gallery

12 – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Woodwork Carnival at Manningham Municipal Offices

16 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2003

Carve-in 2003 at Rowsley near Bacchus Marsh

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### On Sale at the Club

Pen kits

- Slim \$14
- Fatter centre \$18.50

Pen display boxes

- Plastic single pen \$1.00
- Velvet covers pkt of 10 \$4.00

Clocks

- 50 & 65mm \$14.50
- 30mm \$13.50

Letter Openers \$6.00

Super Glue

- thick & thin \$12.00

Accelerator \$13.00

Ubeaut Polishes

- Shellawax cream \$26.40
- EEE-Ultra Shine \$16.50

*To purchase these items, contact Peter Sleeman, Bill Longdon, Doug Dell or Bob Plant*

Club Caps and polo shirts are

### Equipment for Sale

still available from Charles Bruckner.

#### **Viceroy heavy-duty bowl lathe.**

Takes bowls up to 500mm

4 speeds

30x3.5 headstock

Faceplate

Price \$650

Contact Bob Plant 9754 5920,

price is negotiable

#### **Triton Mark 3 Workbench & Extension Table.**

\$150 or near offer

#### **Golding Lathe**

\$100 or near offer

Refer to Charles, Peter or Doug

**Seasons Greetings and a Happy and prosperous New Year to you all**