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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY

I would like to start this report by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.

This year we will be collecting toys for the Christmas Appeal again. After the wonderful effort last year there were a lot of happy kids around. Hopefully we can do as well if not better this year. So start planning ahead, and see if we can better the 400+ total of last year.

Don't forget the Knox Festival the first weekend in March, we need plenty of volunteers to help run 'Kid's Corner'.

We also need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Bunnings, so put your name down on the list on the noticeboard, as to when you can help.

Thanks to Charles Bruckner and Peter Horsburgh for their work in painting and rearranging the shadow-board in the workshop over the Christmas break.

Once again there will be working bees throughout the year to improve the property and workshop. Many hands make light work so please help as the need arises. Together we can make this club even better.

Peter Sleeman

Club Donation to the Fire Fighters

The club received \$200 as our share of proceedings from the Friends of FTG Village Festival in November. Because the local fire fighting organisations will have considerable expenses over this terrible fire season the committee readily decided to donate this money as follows:

CFA Ferntree Gully branch \$100

CFA Upper Ferntree Gully branch \$100

We know you will all approve of this gesture.

"Around the Club"

5 members from the Waverley Woodworkers are so impressed by the standard of the rocking horses made in our club that they have joined the Friday night group to make a horse each. This is a great example of interclub cooperation.

Rest assured this type of cooperation will be fully controlled by the committee to ensure it is only done with full agreement of the members who have to help them (in this case Joe Semenow) and when it does not affect the resources of the club for our own members use.

Charles & Ros Bruckner and Doug & Joan Dell obviously enjoying themselves at the Christmas BBQ.



THE KNOX FESTIVAL

1st & 2nd March 2003 Ensure you have marked your diary now to attend and help at "Kids Corner", even if it is just for a couple of hours.

Selling Rocking Horse Raffle tickets at Bunnings, Sat & Sun 8th & 9th February

As Peter mentioned in his report, please put your name down on the board for selling tickets at Bunnings, Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby. Time slots are from 8am to 6pm.



Just a glimpse of a few of the members and families at the Christmas BBQ. We were blessed with a perfect afternoon and evening and everyone appreciated the excellent meal supplied.



More familiar faces all looking very relaxed at the BBQ.



Stephen Hanau is busy nailing some shadow boxes. Brian Douds, a new member, is marking out a fascia surround for the microwave in his caravan.

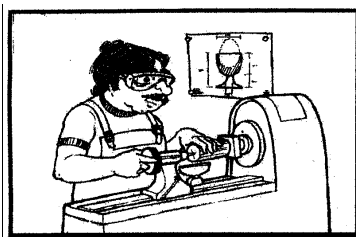
A welcome to New Members

We have 5 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: -

Trevor Pettitt
Brian Douds
Peter Rawson
Colin Howie
Russell Blackburn

Turner's Talk

Already we are in to February in 2003 and it looks like being a very active year in woodturning



Turning Demonstration

Just before Christmas we spent a very warm afternoon and evening demonstrating at the Mountain Gate Primary School Fete. Thanks to Joyce Brown and John Hooke for their assistance.

The Knox Festival will soon be upon us and we will again be demonstrating our skills. We will be turning 10 am-4 pm on both the Saturday and Sunday. Please place your name on the roster on the notice board in the clubrooms.

We hope to be moving into our woodturning area, while the extension won't be finished, we will still have sufficient

room to get underway. When finished we are looking to have members of the Forest Hills come and see how we operate and share some of their skills. More info later. There is still plenty of turning wood available in our shed and we will be preparing more in the near future.

Have you thought about your entries for the Australian Woodturning Exhibition in June? This year we are hoping for as many entries as we can. I will have entry forms when they become available, if you have any questions please contact me.

Bob Plant

Tell me what you or friends are doing and working on, so I can include it in the "Around the club" segment.

It's YOUR Newsletter & YOUR news!

I file all items given to me, so do not be concerned if yours does not appear for as while as space is limited each issue.

Paul Lucas

Working Bee on Saturday 8th February

Please spare some time from 8 am to help reorganise the wood storage shed and move equipment.

Rocking Horse Raffle Tickets

You received a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter. Please ensure both the **tickets sold and those unsold** are returned to me by the Sunday 2nd March at the latest.

Doug Dell

The Wood Store

If you have been around the club recently, you will have noticed a fair amount of activity in our new wood store. Currently we are sorting out timber and getting ready to move the racks into their new position.

It is planned to have two racks, one against the wall and a five-foot rack in the middle. The middle rack will have dividers in it to allow for more efficient storage. We will also have a sorting table at the front of the shed so we are not storing unsuitable material.

We are also looking to improve the sheds near the front fence to make better use of them, particularly in storing large sheets etc.

Thanks to those who have brought in timber, it is always a great help. Until the storage facilities are complete the committee asks that no more timber be brought into the club.

When the store is complete and if you intend to bring timber please contact a committee member to organize its storage.

The Committee



Equipment Status in the Club

Thicknesser

Unfortunately replacement parts are not available (or even a price for the parts!) from the agent at this time so the timing for recommissioning is difficult to predict. The committee is evaluating the cost and effectiveness of getting a local fix of the existing plate.

Scroll Saw

The committee is investigating the purchase of a new saw and will question what will suit our needs before purchasing.

Table saw

The existing saw tends to stall when large sections of hardwood are forced through the machine. Please let the saw cut at its own rate under these circumstances as the blade is sharp but the motor is obviously working at its maximum and stalls when forced.

Router table

A new table is being considered by the committee.

Existing equipment

There was a lively and healthy debate and many constructive suggestions at the last general meeting on how we might reduce equipment damage, following Peter Sleeman's justified frustration at the ongoing excessive incidents of equipment damage. The 2nd belt sander now needs replacing while screws were found loose on the air compressor.

IF YOU SEE INCORRECT USE OF EQUIPMENT, PLEASE, EITHER QUIETLY SPEAK TO THE PERSON INVOLVED OR NOTIFY THE KEY HOLDER. IF YOU DON'T KNOW

Wearing your Name Badge

With so many new members it has been decided to reinforce the wearing of your name badge while on the club site to make it more friendly for both old and new members. The committee is looking at ways to make this easy for you by having all badges left at the club near the entry door where you sign in. This will mean you just take your badge from the rack after signing in and return it as you leave. If you remember reading your "Member's Guide to Club Activities and Operations" when you joined the club it actually mentions a \$1 fine for not wearing your badge!! It's amazing how quickly you will get into the habit of just taking and returning the badge each time.

Rocking Horse Ramblings (from the Rocking Horse Group)

The rocking horse for the Knox Festival is finished and, as usual, what a great job the Friday night team have done! Probably not many of you know that Joe Semenov donates \$50 to the club each time he gets a private order for a horse when people talk to him at the Festivals where the club is present. Well done, and thank you Joe!!

Gerry Daelmans has kindly donated the horse in the picture to the Children's ward of the William Angliss Hospital. We hope this can be formally handed over at a monthly meeting. This 1950s vintage size 2 horse (our group make

size 4) was recently found under a blackberry bush in an extremely poor state and has been lovingly restored by those in the picture-Allen Brookes, Joe Semenov, Gerry Daelmans, Bruce Allen, Charles Bruckner, (and Vincent Hughes not present).



It has been beautifully restored to probably even better than its original state except it now has a red saddle blanket instead of the former tartan one and large handles fitted instead of reins to allow all children in the hospital to sit on it and safely hold on. By the way, how come Bruce Allen is in another picture?

Members Welfare

Joyce Brown can only look to 2003 getting better than the recent past. We hope you are feeling better and have a complete recovery from your recent illness. Joyce's situation was complicated by the sad passing away of her Mother.

Our deepest condolences to Chris Potter at the recent passing away of his wife Lis (Elisabeth). Lis was an active member and was at the recent Stringybark Festival enthusiastically demonstrating her skill at pyrography.

Our best wishes to Peter Sleeman for a fast and complete recovery to return to the club after his recent operation.

We hope Paul Aminde recovers well to return to the club.

"Thank you" messages

Thank you to Reinier Lolkema for being on the Saturday morning roster for the past couple of years. He's busy with the many other activities he's involved in these days so John Hooke has kindly agreed to take his place. Thanks John. I noticed that Peter Horsburgh has been busy at work rearranging the "tool wall" so that everything has an obvious place. (The green background really looks good too). It makes the job of doing the regular stock-take that Peter & his mates undertake, so much easier. I guess it's now up to us to help, by putting tools back in their designated spot.

Jan Brown

Please remember to always wear appropriate clothes, safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when using the equipment in the club.

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING

Workshop Hours

Monday (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
Tuesday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Thursday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner/Doug Bell	9758 1733
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Mornings

February 8 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
February 15 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
February 22 nd	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
March 1 st		KNOX FESTIVAL	
March 8 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
March 15 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886

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
Tuesday	Evening	Every week	Evening Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512 Jan Brown 9762 1063
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking Horse group	Joe Semenov 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

What's Coming Up

At The Club

Saturday 8th February
Working Bee from 8am
Wednesday 26th February
Committee Meeting
Sat-Sun 1-2nd March
Helping at the Knox Festival
Wednesday 5th March
Monthly Meeting
Saturday 8th March
Working Bee from 8am
Sunday 10th August
"Be-In-It" at the club
Wednesday 1st October
AGM of the Club

In The Big "Woodies" World

3 - 20th April 2003
"A Creative Festival of Wood"
Free
Exhibition of Fine Woodcraft at
Manningham Gallery

12 - 13th April 2003

"In Touch with Wood"
Free. Woodwork Carnival at
Manningham Municipal Offices
Templestowe

16 - 18th May 2003
Carve-in 2003 at Rowsley
(15km west of Bacchus Marsh)

21-22 September 2003
Woodturners and Woodworkers
Exhibition
Mildura

18-19 October 2003
Stringy Bark Festival

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 items, contact
Peter Sleeman, Bill Longdon,
Doug Dell or Bob Plant*
Club Caps and polo shirts are
still available from Charles
Bruckner.

Equipment for Sale

**Triton Mark 3 Workbench &
Extension Table.**
\$150 or near offer
Golding Lathe
\$100 or near offer
Refer to Charles, Peter or Doug