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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 FEBRUARY

This month has been fairly busy around the club for those who have been preparing for the Knox Festival. It seems to have snuck up on us quite quickly since Christmas, but as usual members have rallied to prepare the kits and the rocking horse, organised the raffle and assembled tools and equipment. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year.

I would like to welcome any new members to the club and hope you get lots of enjoyment out of it. Do join in and help with club projects as it helps us all to get to know each other as well as helping others. The club has many things to offer and I hope that you might have something to offer back.

This year we seem to have had quite a few members who have either been sick or in hospital for various reasons. I wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you back at the club very soon.

The wood turners have started cleaning out the back shed and moving the lathes, giving us more room in the workshop. This work will continue over the next month or so, with the shed also being extended - giving them even more room.

The thicknesser has been dismantled and sent away for repairs at the cost of \$400. Hopefully people using it in the future will look after it and use it properly.

There have been several instances of nails going through the saw and the buzzer; this has required purchase of a new blade, which cost \$150.

***Therefore, before any second hand timber is put through any of the machinery, it must be checked for nails or screws with the metal detector.***

Please be vigilant. The more money we spend on repairs the less money we have to improve facilities and equipment. It is the responsibility of each member to take care of the equipment and to use it safely.

Thankyou

Peter Sleeman

### Selling raffle tickets can be fun!

A man said his wife was 1 of 3 sisters and their grandfather had a rocking horse similar to ours and he has promised it to the first granddaughter to have a child. This man felt he and his wife were going to be beaten so he bought 4 tickets from us as he reckoned he had a better chance of winning a rocking horse in our raffle!

A man entering Bunnings, with his little daughter, declined a raffle ticket as his daughter already had a rocking horse. I responded that he could get a horse for the next baby and his fast answer was "No way for another". On his way out he bought a ticket saying he had changed his mind and should try for another. I told him not to blame me for the next baby! As he walked away with a smile, he said he was going home to talk to his wife to try for a new baby today and would tell her it had been suggested by the raffle ticket man!

Paul Lucas

### "Around the Club"

Doug Dell advises that it is only 6 weeks since last Christmas, but we already have 47 toys ready for this Christmas. We finally ended up with about 420 toys last year and we would like to see this exceeded with contributions from as many members as possible.

A non critical constructive comment was made that there is generally an imbalance of more toys for boys than girls. While we all know most toys are used by both groups, it would be nice if you could consider a few more girl-specific toys this year when deciding what to make.

A subcommittee is updating the "Club Constitution" over the coming months to be ready for submission to members at the next AGM. The "Member's Guide to Club Activities and Operation" is also being revised.

Paul Aminde, Paddy McCann and Charles Bruckner were in a photo in the Knox Leader paper this week about the club (at last, Bruce Allen is not in the photo!)

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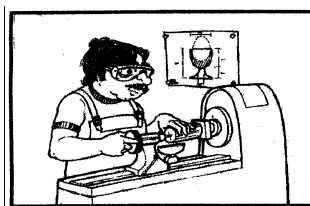
Our club won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for the "Best Community Stall 2003" at the Knox Festival last weekend. Well done to everyone who contributed to the effort for the 2 days. It was a pity for the whole Festival that the weather was not kind for the 2 days.

## A welcome to New Members

We have 6 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: -

Marita Cochrane  
Teresa Faccin  
Chris Gerritzen  
David Jamie  
Ladislav Toman  
Hurtel Lupton

## Turner's Talk



February has been quite a busy month with the woodturners at the club, not a lot of turning, but a lot of work on our new turning room. With our lathes now working, it is time to get down to some serious

turning. Thanks to the members that have really put in to make this happen. We still have our extension to finish, this will be done on Monday and Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of March under the guidance of Frank O'Connor.

Our Monday and Tuesday turning groups are back in action with several new turners having a go at making lots of shavings (and of course the occasional "dig ins").

## Woodturning Demonstration

### Guilio Returning

We are fortunate to have Guilio returning again this year to demonstrate his skills and entertain us with his wit. This time he will be demonstrating various aspects and techniques of turning bowls including natural edge bowls, using a bowl saver and decorating ideas.

It is an excellent day as those who were there last year can attest to.

<b>Demonstrator</b>	<b>Guilio Marcolonga</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Club rooms</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9.15am to 4.15pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$35 includes lunch</b>

Please note that there are only limited spots so you will need to book and pay as soon as possible, payments to Doug Dell or Bob Plant. If you have any questions contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)



The program for March is:

- 3rd / 4<sup>th</sup> Individual projects
- 11<sup>th</sup> Individual projects
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> demo and individual projects
- 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Wood and equipment maintenance
- 31<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Work on toys for Christmas

Knox & District



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 get. I will have entry forms when they become available, if you have any questions please contact me

Bob Plant

## Working Bee on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Please spare some time from 8 am to help.

Note, the March Working Bee has been cancelled due to the work many will put into the Knox Festival.

## Equipment Status in the Club

### Thickener

The repairs are underway but please don't touch the unassembled parts as they have been placed in the correct order ready for final reassembly. Hopefully the machine will be operational again by mid March.

### Docking saw

The blade has had to be replaced at a cost around \$150 and much of Peter Sleeman's time. No wonder Peter (and the whole committee and members) are getting annoyed with misuse of equipment. Peter found a wood offcut in the bin with a sizeable nail cut through by the saw. However, to get the offcut Peter saw the person had to cut through the nail **twice!** This was not only highly dangerous to the person cutting but to anyone around them at the time!

### New equipment

A subcommittee will be formed this year to review the replacement and new equipment needs of the club over the next few years. This will ensure the needs are prioritised and the money required is responsibly budgeted each year.

### Dust extraction

The committee is aware that we need to consider ways to further minimise dust in the workshop to protect your health. It will also keep the workshop looking cleaner. The aim is to do it properly, which will involve considerable expense, so it will take time to investigate the most appropriate installation and then allocate the funds for it over the next year or so.

**IF YOU SEE INCORRECT USE OF EQUIPMENT, PLEASE, EITHER SPEAK TO THE PERSON INVOLVED OR NOTIFY THE KEY HOLDER.**

## Wear your Name Badge

The woodturners have done a great job constructing the badge board on the wall by the entrance. Leave your badge in a slot as you leave so it is easy to retrieve when you sign in each time. If you see someone without a badge – ask them "where is your badge!" Remember, this rule is to make the club friendlier for both old and new members. **THERE IS NOW NO EXCUSE FOR NOT WEARING YOUR BADGE.**



## Rocking Horse Ramblings

(from the Rocking Horse Group)

The group is very busy making horses this month with the added members of the Waverley Woodworkers all eagerly and enthusiastically working on their horses.

## THE DOCKING SAW

Due to the recent unsafe incident that necessitated replacement of the saw blade, as Peter highlighted in his report, all second hand timber is to be checked with the metal detector for metal objects (nails, bolts, screws, staples etc) before cutting.

This rule already applies to timber to be put through the thicknesser.

Some have questioned whether this check should apply to new as well as second hand timber. While this rule will not apply at this time, examples of protest groups inserting metal into growing trees was cited. Also a member raised the true story from years ago of a new log being milled and a complete rabbit trap being found inside it! Obviously many years before, someone had hung a rabbit trap in the young tree and the tree had grown around the trap!

## Guest Speaker Scheduler

Are you interested in this position?

Contact Charles Bruckner for details. It is not an onerous task and others are prepared to assist the person who takes it on with additional ideas for guest speakers.

## Carvers Corner

The Carvers group would appreciate a few more members to join their Monday sessions. Both Willy Schlaf and Gerry Daelmans were enthusiastically demonstrating their skills to the public at the Knox Festival stall.

Willy was working on a detailed deep relief called "Witches brew" in American base wood (a variant of English Lime) – in fact, the carving is a repeat of one he has already done!

Gerry was working on a fine detail floral relief in Camphor wood that was giving him problems as the soft wood and variable grain texture did not lend to easy fine detailed carving. By the time he redesigns and re-carves the pattern to correct for these problems every time a piece falls out, he may end up with almost no flowers and leaves and just a couple of plant stalks!



## Discounts for Members

As members of the Council of Victorian Woodwork Clubs Inc. you are entitled to discounts on production of a current membership card at the following places.

See Charles Bruckner for a discount card if you want to make purchases.

AP Workshop, East Malvern	Ph 9672 0242
Carba-Tec, Richmond	Ph 9427 8444
Mathews Timber Pty Ltd, Vermont	Ph 9874 1666
The Woodsmith Pty Ltd, Bayswater	Ph 9771 4622
Workshop Equipment Specialist, Bendigo	Ph 5443 4827
Mik International, Burnside SA	Ph (08) 8333 2977

If you know of any other source for discounts for members, then please let me know. Paul Lucas

## Members Welfare

Good to see that Les Clayton is back on stream after his illness.

Peter Sleeman has shown how tough he is by increasingly getting around the club again so soon after his illness. Welcome back Peter, but take it easy!

Jimmy Jones has been in and out of hospital so we hope he will soon be on the road to complete recovery.

Michael Vine is on the way to recovery after an illness so we hope this continues.

## The lighter side of a woodworker's life!

A well known Knox & District woodworker, who will not be named, was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." The woodworker took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do anything you want." Again, the woodworker took the frog out, smiled at it, and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What's the matter? I've told you that I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week, and that I'll do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The Knox & District woodworker said, "Look, I'm a woodworker. With working on Xmas toys, helping at Knox Festival, helping on working bees etc I don't have time for a girlfriend; but a talking frog, now that's cool."

**Please remember to always wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when using the equipment in the club. Your health is important to you so look after it.**

**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	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
	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	Charles Bruckner Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Mornings

March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown (note <b>no</b> Working Bee)	9762 1063
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>WORKING BEE</b>	

*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 Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

## What's Coming Up

### **At The Club**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Monthly Meeting

**Due to the Knox Festival the March Working Bee has been cancelled**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Working Bee from 8am

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

"Be -In-It" at the club

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

AGM of the Club

### **In The Big "Woodies" World**

**3 - 20<sup>th</sup> April**

"A Creative Festival of Wood"

Free

Exhibition of Fine Woodcraft at Manningham Gallery

**12 - 13<sup>th</sup> April**

"In Touch with Wood"

Free. Woodwork Carnival at Manningham Municipal Offices Templestowe

**19 - 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Working Horse Festival

Churchhill Island

**16 - 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Carve-in 2003 at Rowsley

(15km west of Bacchus Marsh)

**14<sup>th</sup> June**

Victorian Woodworkers

Association, IVECO

"Create from a Crate"

**21-22 September**

Woodturners and Woodworkers

Exhibition

Mildura

**18-19 October**

Stringy Bark Festival

Rowville

### **On Sale at the Club**

Pen kits -Slim \$14.00

-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

Club Caps \$10.00

Club polo shirts \$20.00

### **Equipment for Sale**

**Delta Router Bench**

(No motor) make an offer!

**Golding Lathe**

Charles/Peter/Doug \$100 ono

**2-way vice** \$40 ono

**Dovetail fixture kit** (with instructions) \$20

**W.M.S. Tilt 10" table saw on stand** (with 1 extra blade) \$225 ono

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