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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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My thanks to Charles Bruckner & Bob Plant for doing the last 2 newsletters while I was away overseas. Paul Lucas

OUR PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER REPORT

We have had a very busy month with many functions and activities both at the club and outside involvement.

We started the month with our General meeting on Wednesday November 5th with a disappointing attendance of members and friends (approx 35) (-when our usual attendance is 40 plus). As this meeting was a 'Special Occasion' where we had visitors, Maggie Breton from Angliss Health Service, Michael Moore representing the Mayor of Knox for the Mayors Christmas Appeal and Gordon Veerasawmy representing St Vincent De Paul, Ferntree Gully.

After a short meeting, our annual rocking horse donation was made to the Angliss Hospital which was accepted by Maggie Breton who praised the club for their skills and dedication in crafting the horse and thanking us for our much appreciated donation.

Our members 'make a toy' Appeal this year produced a record 600 toys for disadvantaged children at Christmas. These were presented 300 each to the Mayors Christmas Appeal and the St Vincent De Paul Society. Michael Moore on behalf of his wife, the Mayor Jenny Moore apologised for her being unable to attend and praised the club for their donation. Gordon Veerasawmy on behalf of St Vincent De Paul Society thanked the club for their wonderful donation and expressed their thanks and that of the disadvantaged children who would receive the toys. He said that nothing compared with the joy and the sparkle in the eyes of these children when they received our toys.

Our Rocking Horse Raffle was drawn at 8 pm by Maggie Breton and was won by ticket no 793 - Mrs Lynne Mitchell, FTG, who when notified, was a grandmother with

a one year old grandson and was delighted. "What a wonderful Christmas present for a little boy".

I would like to thank Joe Semenow and his Friday night rocking horse team for their dedication, skill, time and effort in crafting these two wonderful rocking horses. Thank you for a job well done.

My thanks also to all the members who gave their time, skills and much TLC in making the 600 toys for disadvantaged children. Thank you all for such a wonderful response. I would like to say a very special thanks to Philip Dickinson who made approx 300 of our total 600 toys. Thank you Philip for such dedication and fantastic effort.

Just to remind all members that we have already started collecting toys for our next year appeal. So if you were unable to help this year you now have the opportunity to contribute to the 2004 total.

The local Ferntree Gully Community branch of the Bendigo Bank, heard of our donation of toys and were so impressed that they have donated \$1000 to our club to assist with purchasing material for our 2004 'Make a Toy' Appeal. On your behalf I extend our thanks to our Community Bank.

On Sunday, November 9th, 7 members attended the GM Car Day at Yarra Glen Racecourse organised by Blackburn North Lions Club with our 'Kids Corner Stall'. Overall the day was not a financial success, we raised \$140 and made a donation of \$40 to the Lions Club. The 7 members left the clubrooms at 8 am and returned at 5 PM. On your behalf I wish to thank those members for their time and effort. As usual it is always the same people who make the effort and volunteer when help is needed. We are all busy people but

if we have our club at heart we can make ourselves available if we try.

On Saturday, November 15th, we had a visit from 15 members of the Northern Woodturners Club (membership approx 35) who were entertained to a tour of our clubrooms, a display of some of our club members turning, a demonstration of slabbing with a chainsaw and a BBQ lunch by 17 of our members (membership approx 160). Their President thanked the club for the invitation and hospitality. He expressed their amazement and envy of our range of equipment, facilities and hours available to members. I often wonder how many of our members realise and appreciate what we have compared with other clubs.

On Saturday, November 22nd, we took our 'kids corner stall' to the 3rd Annual Friends of Ferntree Gully Community Fair with 14 members attending. We met at the clubrooms at 8 am with uncertain weather, in fact in drizzling rain, we transported our equipment and kits to the fair site, Ferntree Gully Station Car Park, and set up our stall. The rain stopped but kept threatening all day till we packed up at 3 PM. Last year we sold 7 kits but this year we managed to sell 80 kits. Thank you to those members who gave their time, well done.

Over the last two weeks of November a number of the same volunteers of the above functions were also involved in collecting, loading and unloading of 6 trailer loads of timber from two deceased estates which was donated to the club.

Peter Sleeman and I with our partners were invited by Dobson Ward Councillor Karin Orpen to represent the club at her annual Ward Reception at the Civic Centre. The reception provided an opportunity for the Council to thank people for their contribution to the Community of Dobson Ward and to also recognise some special young people. During the presentation Cr Orpen made reference to our clubs loss of income from the cancellation of the Stringybark Festival and made a presentation to me on behalf of the club of \$500 as a contribution to help with our loss of income. On your behalf I thanked Cr Orpen and Dobson Ward and pledged our assistance when needed.

Three of our members entered their work at the Lilydale Show on 15th and 16th November and all won prizes. Paul Phillips won 1st Prize for his Rocking Horse. Gerry Daelmans won a 1st Prize and a 2nd Prize for 2 of his carvings. Joyce Brown won 1st Prize for a turned lidded box and a high commendation for a natural edge turned bowl. Congratulations to all three for entering and bringing home these wonderful Prizes. Well done.

As we come to the end of 2003 I hope you have all booked your tickets for our 'Break Up Christmas Function' starting at 5pm on Saturday, December 6th with a Spit Roast Dinner being served at 6 PM. Last year we had over 100 member, friends and family so we are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening and as usual followed by 'Carols by



Candlelight' and Fireworks Display on the oval adjacent to the clubrooms.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and your Committee to wish you and your families much joy and happiness at Christmas and health and success in the New Year 2004.

Paddy McCann

CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

Please note the Clubrooms and Workshop:

**Closes 9:30 pm Friday 19th December
Reopens 8:30 am Monday 12th January
2004**

"Around the Club"



Here is George Luste working on turning several lovely bowls in different woods for pot puree etc for family members.

As Paddy mentioned, the Ferntree Gully Community fair was a success this year due to the dedicated effort of the few regular volunteers who help make it a great day for the kids as seen in the photo. I am amazed at the number of kids who have made many

of our kits over the years and still keep coming back.

Paul Lucas



Members Welfare

Joe Semenow has had treatment but is now thankfully on the mend again. Take it easy Joe and don't overdo it helping with the rocking horses!

Joyce Brown is now better after a brief illness during the month.

Equipment Status in the Club

Shade cloth will be installed over the skylight in the new woodturning shed (during the Summer months) to prevent

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the area from becoming too hot during the day. The wood storage shed will also be shifted to allow the doors at both ends of the room to be opened on hot days to allow air movement.

Rocking Horse Group Ramblings



Joe Semenow continues to be amazed by the enthusiasm of the group working on rocking horses and the progress they are making.

Joe had purchased the old workbench outside the clubrooms but was told at the last minute that he could not have it as it was needed by the Club members. We all have our talents and

Joe has more than his share (painting, violin making and playing, rocking horse making, china painting etc) but general woodwork is not one of them! So he was unsure as to how we would get a perfect workbench for his home workshop as he did not know how to make one himself. While he was having his recent health problems Peter Sleeman got a small group together and made a workbench for Joe that would fit perfectly into his workshop. Joe was absolutely flabbergasted when they presented it to him on his return. Joe was still lost for words to describe his delight and pleasure at what they had made for him when I went around to his house to photograph him getting great enjoyment out of using it. It is just what he wanted and he can't personally put into words his expression of gratitude for the kindness and thoughtfulness of the Club members involved.

It is actually another expression of the camaraderie mentioned in the article below by Cliff Walsh.

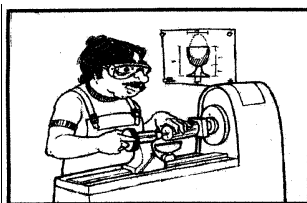
Joe is so unassuming he does not fully realise the amount he has put into the Club and the pleasure that it has given many members. You deserve this bench, so enjoy it Joe!!

Vin Hughes is enjoying the sunshine outside while working on a section of the next rocking horse for the Club.

Another volunteer helping to make the Club the great working group of people it is.



Turner's Talk



With the increasing interest in turning instruction the lathes now have to be booked ahead and this system is working very well. Members are experimenting to expand their skills and

trying different ideas rather than just "making bowls". We all appreciate the time and effort our instructors put into imparting their knowledge.

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our newest 2 members get great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see these members around, have a chat and make him feel part of the Club family. Please wear your name badge to make it easier for them to remember your name. In the same way we ask them to wear their new badge so we can recognise them. The new members are: -

- Campbell McKillop
- Andrew Schrape

The first impressions of a new Knox Woodworkers' Member

I had been wanting to join the Knox Woodworkers for some time. Ever since I visited the clubrooms with one of the members, my friend Vic Oberg, and saw the extensive range of equipment. To be a member of a club with such resources must be quite an advantage when certain projects come to hand that need specialized tools to reduce the time-consuming hand work.

So at last I joined, and immediately the human element was obvious. The mateship that holds a club together and promotes goodwill amongst members was personified by my first contact –Joyce Brown. After filling out the application form I was shown around the premises and introduced to those members present who were involved in various pursuits. All were very friendly and obviously prepared to assist a new member.

When I met Peter Sleeman and mentioned a chain sawing need, he offered the Club's equipment without hesitation and even suggested a suitable day for action to take place. I arrived at the arranged time to be greeted by the cheerful faces of the new President, Paddy McCann and Peter. The chain saw had been readied earlier that day – fuelled, oiled and sharpened. When another chain saw had to be prepared for use, there were no complaints, just "on with the job" On my first visit I saw the equipment and was impressed. On all my subsequent visits I came to realize that equipment alone doesn't make a club – it's the attitude of the members themselves. The more members pitch in to give others the benefit of their knowledge, the greater the Club becomes.

Thank you to all those members who made me feel welcome, and to Paddy and Peter, who gave their time so selflessly.

Cliff Walsh

Carvers Corner



Sue Wood was so pleased with the mirror frame she completed recently that she is now carving 2 more! One she may use as a picture frame. The wood is Tasmanian Myrtle and her only comment is "she would not recommend it for carving" As with all projects



she split this piece while I was there and was gluing it so well it will be unlikely anyone will know what happened when it is finished.

Christmas Breakup Party Saturday 6th December

As Paddy mentioned, the break up party is from 5:30 pm with the meal starting around 6 pm for all those who purchased tickets.

Remember to bring your portable table and chairs and BYO drinks. An umbrella may be handy if the weather happens to be uncertain!

Wear your name badge and bring a name badge/tag for each of the rest of the family, if you have them as this

makes it friendlier for family members and new Club members.

Scroll Saw tuition by the Eltham & District Woodworkers Club

7 of our members accepted their offer to visit them at their workshop (on 29th November) for a day's instruction. It was a great success and we sincerely thanked them for a very well structured day's instruction that we all thoroughly enjoyed. More in the next newsletter with a picture, as there is insufficient room this time. We all came away enthused to get on and use our new knowledge on scroll saw projects.

Paul Lucas

Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	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 3920
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
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Thursday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Mornings

December 6th	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	CHRISTMAS BREAK UP	
December 13th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
January 17 th 2004	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
January 24 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
January 31 st	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515

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	Each week	Woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Each week	Carvers & Burners Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Tuesday	Evening	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512 Jan Brown 9762 1063
Friday	Evening	Each week	Rocking Horse Group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

What's Coming Up

At The Club

Wednesday 3rd December
BBQ & Auction night at the Monthly Meeting
Saturday 6th December
Christmas Breakup party
Closes pm Friday 19th
December – Reopens am
Monday 12th January 2004

In The Big “Woodies” World

8-12th April 2004

Bendigo Woodturners Easter Exhibition
1-2nd May 2004
Albury/Wodonga Woodcraft Festival
10-12th September 2004
Phillip Island Down Under Turn Around
23-24th October 2004
Stringybark 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