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Newsletter of the

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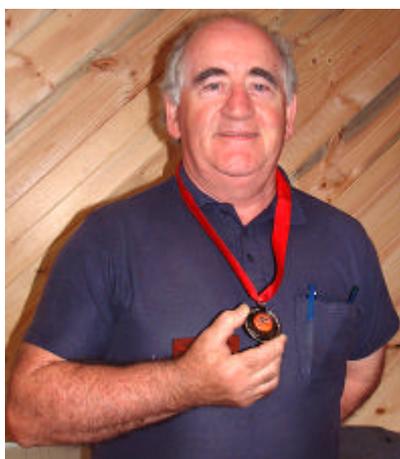
Your Executive Committee for 2003 / 2004

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OUR PRESIDENT'S APRIL REPORT

The Knox Festival on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March was a great monetary success for the club. My thanks to the 35 members on Saturday and 34 members on Sunday who gave freely of their time and energies to contribute to the success of the weekend. We won a 2nd in "The Best Group Activities" Stall section of the Festival judged by the Festival

Organisers. We won a \$50 Prize and Medallion (as proudly shown in the picture). We should be duly proud of our participation in these high profile Community Activity. So congratulations to all those members who contributed to our involvement in the Festival, both on the weekend and in the preparations beforehand. Well done everyone. I must also say a special thanks to Nancy Stephens for helping with selling Kids Corner Kits and making our Cot beds, also to Jean Whyte for helping with selling Raffle tickets. Thank you very much Ladies.



At the time of writing my report, we are looking forward to our coach trip 'Around the Bay' on Saturday 3rd April. Thanks to Peter Sleeman for organising the trip. We have two coaches booked with over 80 people going on the day. It will be a wonderful social activity for the club members, their families and friends. I'm looking forward to see you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our Annual 'Be-In-It' Competition to be held on Sunday 8th August, and to encourage members to enter into the spirit of the competition. All members are eligible to enter as many items, as they wish, that have been made in the previous 12 months. We will supply more details closer to the event. This reminder is to give everyone time to prepare his or her entries.

Easter is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy and Safe Easter and look forward to seeing you around the Club.
Paddy McCann

The Knox Festival

What a great 2 days! The weather was kind and all members who participated (and especially the kids) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was also a financial success due to the hard work everyone did as we raised over \$2,400 on the Rocking Horse raffle and over \$2,000 on Kids Corner. With other incidental receipts we totalled \$4,621.70 before expenses are taken into account. Well done everyone. This kind of result helps to keep your fees down and enable us to fund improvements in equipment and facilities in the Club.

530 kits were sold in the 2 days. For your interest, the statistics for the main toys, out of the total of 10 kits available, were:

- 42 trays
- 41 buses
- 73 trinket boxes
- 98 pencil cases
- 74 cars
- 57 helicopters
- 23 planes

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Paul Aminde and Nancy Stephens did a great job selling kids kits. They were so good they sold me 3 kits for my grandchildren as soon as I took the photo!!

An important factor in keeping the "troops" happy and content is ensuring they are well fed so our secretary, Ian Stanfield, did the usual cooking duty he enjoys by preparing delicious quantities of eggs and sausages etc.



There were moments to relax and Paul Phillips certainly knew how to take advantage of one of those moments. Rumour was, someone had to wake him later as his snoring frightened the young



kiddies coming to make toys!

Max Holt came up with a novel idea of making a sandwich board and walked around the Festival advertising the rocking horse raffle. Again rumours abounded that young kids who could not read asked their parents who he was and parents said he was a sandwich-board man. They promptly approached Max and asked him where they could get a sandwich!



I think Frank O'Connor was saying how do I fit this b!@#% thing together. The kids know how to do it! Actually, they were performing some needed quality control on some of the parts that did not fit.



Jean Whyte enjoyed her important role of encouraging people to buy a raffle ticket as can be seen in the photo. Thanks Jean.

Finally we get to photos of what the Kids Corner was all about.



This is 'Hannah' and she will certainly break some boy's heart later if she keeps that coy smile up. She certainly had Bruce Allen conned as he

made most of the toy for her while she just held the hammer!



'Rory' was a cool cat but obviously smarter than the helper assisting him to assemble his bus as I am sure he was saying "hey, you dummy, you forgot to put this washer on the axle before you put the wheel on"

Allen Brookes was quick to get his finger away as this young lass hammered a nail in, but he need not have worried as she was an expert.



An essential job at the festival is keeping track of the money. I think our Treasurer, Joyce Brown, is thinking to herself "Wow, there is enough here for me to get to Hawaii". But I believe Paddy McCann is reading her mind and saying "Hang on a minute, if we both go there's enough to get us to at least Fiji"

Paul Lucas

We desperately need more Kids Corner

Kits to be made

Few know that we had around 2,500 kits a while ago and these have slowly run down to the point now where we desperately need more to be made.

Two groups of dedicated members (along with others from time to time) have been the mainstay of the kit production for quite some time, ensuring the correct 'balance of kit types are available when needed.

On Monday nights Peter Horsburgh, Bruce Allen, Jim Diveney, Chris Gerritzen, Paul Phillips and Paddy McCann.

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On Tuesdays Colin Stewart, Bill Longden, Paul Aminde and Chris Smith

Now a large number of kits will be made in a short time they would certainly appreciate assistance from any other members. Please help.

If you can suggest new toy kits that are easy to produce and easy for kids to assemble, then please talk to one of the people above. Many of the kids have made a selection of the kits over the years and appreciate new ones to try.

Our March Guest Speaker

Geoff Wheadon ably demonstrated the capabilities of the Triton router workbench together with the biscuit joiner and finger joiner attachments for it. The Triton router itself was also covered.

The result of the Rocking Horse raffle

Congratulations to Susan Rundle of Boronia with ticket number 1143. She and her partner are a young couple with no children but nieces and nephews, so she was delighted to learn of her win when Karin Orpen rang her. Paul Lucas

How is your progress on Toys for the Charities at Christmas?

We would like to exceed the record number in 2003 but have a long way to go based on only 35 being recorded as completed at this time. Obviously many are in progress but if you are holding competed ones bring them in so they can be noted and give an incentive to others. The children really love the toys you make as they are sturdy and useful. If you haven't started, then now is the time.

Members Welfare

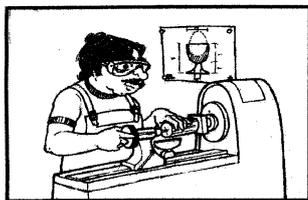
Jim Jones and Cliff Walsh are recovering.
Doug Dell was not well for a while.
We wish these members and any others who have not been feeling the best this month a speedy recovery.

Your Committee

The new Bayswater Craft Market

The first of the new Bayswater Craft Market in March was considered a success by the Council and the surrounding traders. Committee members attended to evaluate the function and facilities to report back to the committee. The Market will be apparently be twice the size next month and may then become more interesting for children. We will continue to monitor the event to see if it eventually fits our needs a few times a year. Paul Lucas

Turner's Talk



It is great to see members using the booking sheet for either the first or second Monday session to ensure they get a lathe and very pleasing to see that everyone is diligently cleaning up their



lathe area when finished to leave the equipment ready for the next person.

Neil Scobie will be at the Club on Sunday 24th October so mark your diary if you are interested as the session will be limited to 40 people. The cost will be a very reasonable \$35.

Neil Scobie regularly writes articles on woodturning and wood projects for "The Australian Woodworker". One of our newer members Bernadette Wyatt has really taken to woodturning and importantly makes sure she is wearing appropriate safety gear. Paul Lucas



Government Safety Standards for Toys

A copy of the Standard has been obtained but it is many pages! A summary of the important appropriate points for members to keep in mind will be prepared shortly and members informed. Your Committee

What additional equipment does the Club need?

You still have an opportunity to suggest additional equipment you consider would be useful for Club use. The Committee has held off prioritising what new equipment and facilities we will actually purchase, and when during 2004, so you still have your chance to input. The available electrical power and how we can improve that is a major factor in deciding what we can install. Your Committee

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 5 newest members get great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see these members around, have a chat and make them feel part of the Club family. Please wear your name badge to make it easier for them to remember your name and in the same way we ask them to wear their new badge so we can recognise them.

Leave your badge in the rack near the club entrance so you always know where it is and don't inadvertently leave it at home.

The new members are: - Jude David
Bruce Powell
Rodney Tucker
Graham Tucker
Pat Jimenez

Carvers corner

Willy Schlaf and Gerry Daelmans were eagerly showing off their carving achievements and promoting this skill to any interested visitor at the Festival.

Why not join them on Monday nights? They would love to see you!!



Workshop Hours

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| Monday (the day session is for woodturning) | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Bob Plant John Emptage | 9754 5920 9758 6103 |
| | 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 |
| Friday | 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm | Bruce Allen | 9754 5774 |

Saturday Mornings

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|---|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|
| April 10 th | | | EASTER SATURDAY | Club closed |
| April 17 th | 9:30 am | -12:30 pm | Chris Smith | 9729 6515 |
| April 24 th | 9:30 am | -12:30 pm | Brian Douds | 9758 2173 |
| May 1 st | 9:30 am | -12:30 pm | Alistair Green | 9754 2727 |
| May 8 th | 9:30 am | -12:30 pm | WORKING BEE | |
| <i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms</i> | | | | |

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 etc.

At The Club

Wednesday 7th April
Monthly General Meeting.
Warren from DeWalt will give a demonstration of their equipment.

Wednesday 21st April
Monthly Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 5th May
Monthly General Meeting.

Saturday 8th May
Working Bee.

Sunday 8th August
"Be-In-It" Competition.

Sunday 24th October
Neil Scobie will demonstrate woodturning at the Club.
The Phillip Island Club will visit later in the year – date to be advised

In The Big "Woodies" World

8-12th April
Bendigo "Woodturners Easter Exhibition"

17th April

"2004 Combined Woodworkers Forum" hosted by Wangaratta Woodworkers Inc.

1-2nd May
Albury/Wodonga "Woodcraft Festival"

30th May
"Wimmera Woodturners Wood & Craft Show"

18-20th June
"Australian Woodturning Exhibition" at Nunawading

10-12th September
Phillip Island "Down Under Turn Around"

15-17th October
Melbourne "Working with Wood Show"

23-24th October
"Stringybark Festival"
Rowville

29-31 October
"Council of Woodwork Clubs Trip to Canberra"

On Sale at the Club

Pen kits (pack of 5)

- Slim \$15
- Large centre \$22

Velvet covers (pkt of 10) \$4.50
Super Glue - thick & thin \$14
Accelerator \$15
Pen Blanks - Outback timbers including Gidgee, dead finish, dark oak, mulga, desert rosewood, flame sheoak, hairy oak, sally wattle
Pack of 6 \$5
Contact Bob Plant 9754 5920
Club Caps \$10
Club polo shirts \$20
Rasps \$1
Nails (500 gm 2" x 12G) \$2
Scrollsaw \$80 Les
Clayton Ph 9873 3790 For Sale

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when using the equipment at the Club.

Your health is important, look after it.
THINK SAFE
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