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Newsletter of the

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## Your Executive Committee for 2003 / 2004

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### OUR PRESIDENT'S MAY REPORT

We started the month with our wonderful 'Around the Bay' Coach Trip on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2004 in two Coaches from Rowville Coach Tours with 85 members' families and friends. Our first stop was at Geelong for morning tea and to pick up our Tour Guides for the day. We were taken for a journey through the 'Sea Change' location both verbally and physically with all the story lines of the TV show which was very informative and enjoyable, thanks to our Guides. We then proceeded on to Clifton Springs Golf Club for a lovely lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Afterwards we had a short tour around St Leonards, Point Lonsdale through to Queenscliff to board the Ferry for Sorrento and a lovely calm sunlit crossing, where we were able to stroll along the decks and take in the glorious scenery of Portsea and The Heads. From Sorrento we had a leisurely drive back arriving safely at the Club about 5.30pm. Below is a photo of the happy group.



Our thanks to Peter Sleeman for organising the trip. Peter had so many requests for another trip, he has organised our

next trip for 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004 to Werribee Mansion and Zoo. If you are interested, I suggest that you get in early and put your name down.

The year is moving on and we are now into May. Again I would remind you of our "Be In It" Competition and Open Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2004, which leaves you only 3 months to prepare your entry for the competition. I encourage you all to make a special effort to enter into the spirit of the competition, because it is the only opportunity during the year that members and their families have to view the finished work and skills of other members. Time is also moving on for our 'Christmas Toy Appeal'. Toys must be ready by our Annual General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004. Our request still stands that every member make and supply at least one toy for Disadvantaged Children. Up to date the response has been slow but if everyone makes the effort we can still beat Last Years Record of 600 toys. When you have your contribution ready, bring them to the club and we will store them until the presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

At our monthly Committee meeting we have been discussing Future Plans for our Club. What we would like to see happen over the next year, and the next 5 years. If you have any suggestions or thoughts on how you would like to see the club progress in the future, please feel free to discuss them with any of the Committee or put your suggestions in writing or come along to a Committee meeting and make a presentation. Your input will help the Committee to plan and budget for the future. Look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Paddy McCann

### Members Welfare

It was a shock to hear of the sad passing of a previous Club member, John "Nobby" Clarke on 20<sup>th</sup> April. He is remembered as a "character" around the Club and several

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members who knew him attended his funeral along with members of the RAASC Vietnam Association. Cliff Walsh is recovering.

For any other members not well, we trust you have a speedy recovery soon.  
Your Committee

## Around the Club

There is the old saying "The job's not finished until the paperwork's done". Well in the case of our Club, John Di Donna agrees "It's not finished until the cleanup is done"! John was pleased to see how much easier it was to sweep up now with better placement of the equipment and the pleated filters in place.



Max Smith is a new member this month and is already

eagerly trying his skill at wood turning under the watchful and instructive eye of John Emptage.



Another new member this month is Teao Teao from the Cook Islands. He can be seen spoke shaving the stem of a ukulele he is making. But this is a traditional ukulele where the sound box is made out of half a coconut shell. It is great to see people using the traditional shaping instruments – I asked my kids and they didn't even know what a "spoke shave" was – they didn't even know what an old fashioned wooden "spoke" was!



## Working Bee Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Don't forget to put your name down for the working bee. There will be work done rearranging the office and exterior housekeeping including the woodturners shed and the sanding shed.

## Our April Guest Speaker

DeWalt have generously donated a ¼ sheet sander model DW411 and a DeWalt watch toward a special raffle that will be drawn and presented by DeWalt at the AGM.



## Visit by our Liberal Members for La Trobe

Bob Charles the retiring Member for La Trobe and the incoming Member Jason Wood, visited the Club on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. They were impressed with our facilities and the extent of community work done for organisations in Knox by the dedicated few in the Club. Club members present had an enjoyable morning tea talking to them. They expressed confidence that we may be eligible for a grant based on all this good work and that we provide an active outlet for men and women of all ages over a large part of the week.



Bob Charles has done quite a few complicated wood projects in his time and was so impressed with our facilities and friendly Club atmosphere we may see him as a Club member when he retires!

While Paddy and Charles are carefully explaining rocking horse production to Bob and Jason I think Hurtle Lupton is quietly saying to himself "I thought Joe Semenov said these rocking horses didn't need cleaning up after, but it certainly looks like Paddy is standing in manure on the floor!!"

## Christmas Toy report



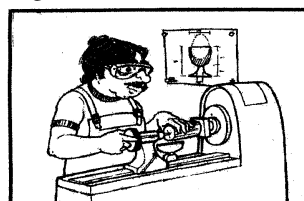
The toy total is now steadily climbing and there is visible action from many people so the total should grow considerably over the coming weeks. Peter Sleeman is busy cutting out literally dozens of horse heads for hobby horses that will make

many kids happy.

If you haven't started, then now is the time.

## Turner's Talk

It is great to see members using the booking sheet for either



the first or second Monday session and pleasing to see that everyone is diligently cleaning up their lathe area when finished.





Peter Jordan is proudly showing the lovely pestle and mortar he recently turned. The pestle is in golden ash and the mortar is in English ash. Do you remember which piece is the pestle and which is the mortar?

Remember to mark your diary for the Neil Scobie session at the Club on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October, if you are interested. The cost will be \$35. This event will

proceed even though it clashes with the Stringybark Festival activity.

Paul Lucas

## Wagga Wagga Turn About

Bob Plant, Joyce Brown and I attended the fully catered three day event at a youth camp located just outside Wagga Wagga in NSW along with approximately 60 other woodturners and their lathes. All of which were set up in one large hall.

There was a good mix of woodturners ranging from young to mature, amateur to very experienced, and the thing that impressed me was the willingness of the many skilled turners to assist those in need of help (me).

Joyce and I had the very good fortune to set up next to Ken Wraight who is a member of Northern Woodturners and it did not take Ken long to realise I could use some help in my attempts at hollowing a bowl.

Over the course of the weekend Ken showed Joyce and I many useful techniques in both turning and tool grinding and I spent a lot of my time using his tools. Under Ken's supervision I turned a bowl and goblet and achieved a far higher standard of design and finish than previously possible for me.

I can honestly recommend weekends like this to all woodturners as we can all find something to share with others. We left for home at 10am on Sunday which was an hour before the draw of the "Chook Raffle" and that evening I received a phone call from Larry Sloan (one of the organizers) to tell me that I had won a Vicmark chuck. What a great way to cap off a perfect weekend.

Mick Durrant

## 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: -

Robert Whittle  
Robert Gower  
Teao Teao  
Adrian Matorovic



Max (John) Smith – as we now have 2 Max Smith's in the Club!

## Your suggestions for Guest Speakers?

Got any suggestions for speakers for our monthly meetings? They do not have to be strictly related to woodwork eg. the puppets session last year.

## Kids Corner Kits

It is pleasing to see increased support for producing the kids' corner kits on Monday nights. But don't forget they are also assembled on Tuesdays during the day so if you can help it would be really appreciated.

## Someone to be the Safety Officer?

It is increasingly important that we have a Safety Officer to focus on what we need to do to continually meet safety and health requirements within the Club. Any volunteer?

## "Triton woodworkers group" within our Club?

Geoff Wheaton from Triton mentioned they were prepared to support a Triton group within our Club if we had sufficient members interested. They have training tapes, Triton newsletter etc.

If you are interested, talk to a committee member.

## Equipment status in the Club

It is pleasing to see we have overcome the spate of numerous serious abuses of Club equipment. Please do not adjust equipment if you do not know how and certainly do not disassemble equipment without reference to the key holder. Work is progressing on investigating the available electrical power and the cost to optimise this.

Noticed the 2 new pleated filters (as in the photo) on the equipment to more efficiently collect shavings and dust and most importantly reduce the fine particles of dust in the air? Look behind the docking saw to see how little dust now accumulates there to see the effectiveness of what has been done to date!

Your Committee

## We will be looking for a new Treasurer for 2005

Interested in taking on this important position in the Club in 2005? Joyce Brown has given plenty of forward notice that she will not stand for this position next year, so we will need a new treasurer to be elected at the AGM. We asked Doug Dell if he would take it on "for just a few months" but he understandably declined as the last time this happened he had the position for several years!!





## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday (the day session is for woodturning)</b>	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Bob Plant John Emptage	9754 5920 9758 6103
	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	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
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<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

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>WORKING BEE</b>	
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
<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 John Emptage 9758 6103
	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 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Monthly General Meeting with Robert Hart "The Kiteman" as the guest speaker.

**Working Bee.**

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

Monthly Committee Meeting.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Monthly General Meeting.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

"Be -In-It" Competition.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Neil Scobie will demonstrate woodturning at the Club.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

A coach trip to Werribee Zoo and Mansion organised by Peter Sleeman.

**The Phillip Island Club will visit later in the year – date to be advised**

### In The Big "Woodies" World

**8-12<sup>th</sup> April**

Bendigo "Woodturners Easter Exhibition"

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**17<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**1-2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Albury/Wodonga "Woodcraft Festival"

**30<sup>th</sup> May**

"Wimmera Woodturners Wood & Craft Show"

**18-20<sup>th</sup> June**

"Australian Woodturning Exhibition" at Nunawading

**26-27<sup>th</sup> June**

Warburton "Winterfest" at Upper Yarra Arts Centre.

**10-12<sup>th</sup> September**

Phillip Island "Down Under Turn Around"

**15-17<sup>th</sup> October**

Melbourne "Working with Wood Show"

**23-24<sup>th</sup> October**

"Stringybark Festival" Rowville

### 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

**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 WOODWORKING**