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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Your Executive Committee for 2003 / 2004

				<u>Committee Members</u>	
President	Paddy McCann	9758 3920	Doug Dell	9729 1886	
Vice President	Charles Bruckner	9801 2197	Frank O'Connor	9897 7512	
Secretary	Charles Bruckner	9801 2197	Bob Plant	9754 5920	
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We desperately need a new Treasurer, now!

Due to ill health our Treasurer, Joyce Brown, has been forced to resign, as of now!

Our Club is in urgent need of a Treasurer. If we are unable to fill this position **then the future of the Club is in jeopardy** as it is a requirement to have a person in this position.

If you can in any way assist the Club with this matter please speak with President Paddy McCann or Vice President Charles Bruckner.

We are even prepared to split the position's functions among one or two people to accommodate people if necessary.

The present committee have more than enough to do, so they cannot take it on permanently. Who will volunteer??

Thank you Joyce, for your fine effort and dedication as Treasurer.

Your Committee

YOUR PRESIDENT'S JULY REPORT

Over the past months we have been worried regarding the need for more electricity capacity for our requirements. After approaching Mr Ian Bell for Knox Council, a survey was carried out and I am pleased to report that our available capacity has been increased 2 fold which should meet all our requirements. We thank Ian for his prompt response to our needs.

We also made a submission to The Australian Government Dept of Family and Community Services, Volunteer Small Equipment Grants 2004 (Round 2) for a grant to purchase a new Dust Extraction System. I would like to thank Jan Brown and Bob Plant for their work in compiling and sorting of the submission and Hurtle Lupton for his advice. Thank you all, your efforts and skills are appreciated.

As I informed you at our last meeting our "Shed Raising" task was completed as planned. My thanks go to the members who gave freely of their time and efforts on Monday 14th Tue 15th and Wed 16th June. We had 21 members on Monday, 16 on Tuesday and 8 on Wednesday, thank you for your dedication. I must say a very special thank you to Peter Sleeman who worked tirelessly on all three days and without who's skill, equipment and organisation this task would not have been completed so successfully, Thank You Peter.

On Thursday 24th June a party of 6 members attended Heany Park Scout Camp at Rowville to conduct a Mini "Kids Corner" for 26 Scouts aged 8-10 years old, to assist them in obtaining their craft badge. We had a very successful and appreciated activity. Thank you to Peter Horsburgh, Bruce Allan, Michael Smith, Max Holt, and Michael Talbot for their time and enthusiasm.

Our Annual "Be In It" Competition and Open Day is only one month away on Sunday 8th August from 2 pm. Again I hope you have your entries ready and that you all enter into the spirit of the Competition. Good Luck to all the participants.

I would remind you all of our Christmas Toy Appeal, your donations will be needed by 29th October. Please help us make a difference for Disadvantage Children at Christmas .

As you can see above, we now have an Urgent need for a new Treasurer as Joyce Brown wishes to resign for health reasons. So I am asking for your assistance as a volunteer to take on this position, (even as a caretaker until our AGM). We thank Joyce for her dedication and enthusiasm in her position as Treasurer and wish her well with her health. We look forward to seeing her smiling face around the club for the years to come.

We are still looking for member's input into the future planning of the Club. So please pass on your suggestions to

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the committee either verbally or in writing, so we can plan for future years. Thank you all in anticipation. I look forward to meeting you around the Club.

Paddy McCann

Who will fill the Secretary position in 2005?

We also need a secretary from the AGM this year into 2005 as Charles Bruckner is just filling in due to the standing down of Ian Stanfield earlier this year.

Again, this position can be redesigned with functions reallocated to suit several people if necessary.

Who will volunteer?? Your committee

Around the Club

The increase in power supply and the installation of a ducted exhaust extraction system is the major construction work underway this month. Resiting and regrouping the existing equipment may be needed to minimize piping and allow for future additions to the ducting system etc. Eventually we will also have extraction filter units near the roof to remove the very fine airborne dust. Consideration is also in progress to have manual extractor outlets to allow you to gather up dust around the machines, that has escaped the new systems.

These are a major



improvements to the Club for the health and cleanliness benefits of all members. This Club facility will equal anything other clubs have and we can all be proud of our facilities.

The photo shows the new shed with the extraction system and sanding equipment being installed. Look how large, well lit and airy it is! There will be more photos next month, taken during the actual construction of the new shed, by Frank Tewkesbury. It is good to see a member wanting to contribute to the newsletter! How about others? Paddy is pointing out the area where new paving will be laid.



Sergio Meilak is certainly part of the institution of the monthly meetings with his running of the special effort (we aren't supposed to call them raffles these days!) each month. His effort

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raises over \$100 each month and he often contributes prizes to the raffle.

Doug Dell is seen buying tickets and you can almost see him doubting whether Serg is giving him good winning tickets – guess what, he didn't win anything that night!!

Paul Lucas

Visit to Forest Hill Woodturners Club

A group of us visited the Forest Hill Club in June and had a great day. They have a nice well lit and clean hall to use, as



in the photo, but it is multifunctional so they have to pack up all their equipment into a locked cupboard area after each turning session. It made us realise how lucky we are to have dedicated workshops. Also, because everything has

to be on wheels to move it they cannot have unusually large

and heavy gear. All that said, we were impressed by what they achieve as can be seen by the photo. The Saturn planet globe actually revolves using an electric motor.



Cliff Walsh is also a member of their club and they were as fascinated as our members in watching him seemingly effortlessly turning small inserts for items. I was impressed that they used safety screens.

John Di Donna is seen in discussion with their president, Joe Infanti. An interesting fact was the display cabinet seen behind John and Joe. Every 2



months, 2 letters of the alphabet are drawn and members with surnames starting with those letters can place recently completed items in the cabinet with their name, type of timber and finish. A great idea to proudly show your work and stimulate others!! Perhaps we

could consider a version of this in the future for our Club?



“Be – In – It” Competition & Open Day

Only 1 month to go. Don't leave it until the last minute to finish your item!

Here is a photo of just some of the excellent entries in last year's competition to stimulate you to enter this year. As a member you can enter as many items as you wish providing they have been made within the last 12 months.

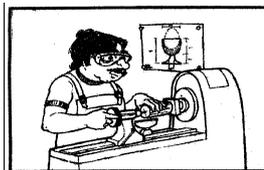


Categories for the Competition are:

Category	Classes
Box	-Major, Minor
Carving	-Large, Small
Clock	-Clock, Turned Clock
Furniture	-Major, Minor
Ornamental	-Garden, Miscellaneous
Toys	-Large, Small, Game
Woodturning	-Spindle, Bowl under 200mm, Bowl over 200mm, Platter, Lidded Container, Natural Edged Item, Vase, Pen, Miniature Item, Novelty Item, Matched Pair
Marquetry	-Complex, Simple
Musical Instrument	-Complex, Simple
Rocking Horse	
Other items	

The judges will be Ted Anderson and Cr Karin Orpen.

Turners' Talk



Mark your diary for the Neil Scobie session at the Club on Sunday 24th October at a cost of \$35. Paul Lucas

Equipment status in the Club

At the June meeting, Peter Sleeman raised the issue of **some** members not treating the workshop equipment as you would in your own workshop at home. **Some** members:

- 1) Leave equipment running when they move away to do other work. This not only wastes electricity but is dangerous as others may not hear it operating and approach the machine as if it is stationary and safe.
- 2) Do not remember to turn off dust extractors after they have finished with the machine attached to it, again wasting power and creating unnecessary noise.
- 3) Do not always cleanup after they have finished using a machine. The fact others will use it after you is not the point, as it is etiquette to cleanup after you.
- 4) Not locking machines after they have finished. If others want to use it, they are to get the key from

the Key Holder so he knows who is responsible for the operation of the machine at any time.

- 5) Someone has used the kitchen bench as a work table and glue-assembled work on it leaving glue residue that cannot be removed!
- 6) Items left in the office are there for a reason – do not take them without asking.

We do not want to plaster the workshop with ‘Do not ..’ or ‘Remember to’ Signs, so please just use common sense and observe curtesy and etiquette when in the workshop. Your Committee

What's happening to the pigeon holes?

The committee decided the relocation of the pigeon holes from the office room would be too time consuming and create problems with suitable siting and dust proofing so we will discard them entirely.

Please clean out your pigeon hole **by the end of July** as they will be dismantled at that time. Newsletters from that date will be placed near the front entrance area **with your name on it** for you to collect each month. No newsletters will be mailed out to members unless you discuss your unusual circumstances with the Secretary eg. if you are ill or on extended holidays etc. Members not resident in Melbourne will still get their copies posted.

This change also saves time placing the newsletters in pigeon holes each month and then collecting, addressing and posting those where members have failed to collect them.

The savings in postage alone will at be least \$70 each month. Naturally, you can also access the newsletter on the website www.alchester.com.au/kdwc as outlined below.

Your Committee

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 4 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 proudly 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 Ledger
- Bill Schuffelen
- Lenore Boyd
- Lindsay Rotherham

Joyce Brown

The newsletter, in colour, is on the internet!

Gary Pope has continued his great effort and the monthly newsletter is now on the website at:

www.alchester.com.au/kdwc

The April, May and June 2004 copies are on the site and future ones will be available soon after the general meeting each month. Eventually we plan to put all the previous issues back to issue no.1 in an archive file on the website.

Thanks once again Gary.

Paul Lucas



Workshop Hours

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

July 3rd	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Brian Dowds	9758 2173
July 10 th	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
June 19 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
June 26 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
July 31 st	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms

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 Semenov 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

What's Coming Up etc.

At The Club

Wednesday 7th July
Monthly General Meeting.
Wednesday 21st July
Monthly Committee Meeting.
Sunday 8th August
'Be -In-It' Competition.
Sunday 24th October
Neil Scobie will demonstrate woodturning at the Club.
Saturday 30th October
A coach trip to Werribee Zoo and Mansion organised by Peter Sleeman.

In The Big "Woodies" World

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 \$2
 Screws (packet) \$2
 Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2
 Dowels (packet) \$2

Club Lathes for Sale

With the purchase of two second hand Woodfast lathes and a new Leda mini lathe, the club is selling three existing lathes no longer needed.

The lathes for sale are two CarbaTec and a Blue Record mini lathe, each with head stock drives and tailstock live centre. The lathes are offered at \$200 each for the CarbaTec lathes and \$100 for the Record mini lathe.

If you are interested in any of the lathes the committee has decided that you are to place your name inside an envelope with the lathe you are interested in written on the outside. Hand the envelope to Paddy McCann or Charles Bruckner who will keep them **until the August monthly meeting**, where they will be drawn.

The committee has decide that this is the fairest way to dispose of major equipment the club no longer needs.

If you have any questions about the lathes, contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)