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OUR PRESIDENT'S 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

We started the year on a bit of a downer with no Stringybark Festival which is one of our two major fund raising activities. But we made decisions to keep solvent, by tightening the purse strings, still holding our rocking horse raffle and getting involved in various smaller fund raising activities.

In November we donated 600 toys to the Lord Mayors Appeal and St Vincent De Paul for disadvantaged kids at Christmas. We also donated a rocking horse to William Angliss Hospital.

Our Christmas Breakup on December 6th followed by Carols by Candlelight was a great success with 120 members' families and friends enjoying themselves.

We had a busy and successful time with the Knox Festival in March 2004, which is our second major fund raiser. It was very encouraging to have the assistance of 29 members on Saturday and 27 on Sunday. Thank you all and well done.

Around March we experienced electricity problems which were restricting our forward planning for equipment requirements. Our major concern in the machine shop was the safety aspect of dust extraction and space around equipment. We resolved this by installing a large 7.5 hp 4 Bag Dust Extractor in the new sanding shed behind the machine shop which gives us a cleaner, more spacious and safer working area.

Our community involvement is still very strong by assisting at Amaroo and Tullymore Homes, Scout and Guide Groups, Aids for Cerebral Palsy children, Possum boxes for needy pensioners and our Annual Toy Appeal for disadvantaged children.

The Annual 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day still generates a great deal of interest for members families and friends. We had a record number of entries and attendance in August. Thanks to our Judges Cr Karin Orpen and Owen Burton who both remarked on the number, variety and quality standard of entries.

The last 12 months seem to have flown past and as the old saying goes "Time flies when you are having fun." I hope that your time spent at the club has been as much fun as mine. The major reason why I can enjoy my time is because of the hard working and dedicated teams and groups that support me in running the club. I wish to thank all of these people i.e. the Committee, Kids Corner Kits Team, Maintenance Team, Monthly Raffle Team, Rocking Horse Group, Woodturners Group, Carvers Group, Amaroo Team and Tullymore Team. All of these teams and groups have made a very busy year easier to administer the club commitments. Each and every one of these members gives 110% commitment to our club. I thank you ladies and gentlemen, for your enthusiasm, dedication and encouragement throughout the year. Paddy McCann

Congratulations to Bill Longden and Paul Phillips

Woodwork must be a good therapy for keeping couples together – or would the wives say it is a good way to keep their men out of their hair??

Bill and Sheila Longden reached the wonderful milestone of their 50 year wedding anniversary on the 15th September. Paul and Pat Phillips also celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in October.

We all wish both our members many more happy anniversaries with their wives. All Members

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Community Projects

Don't forget to volunteer to help out with the 12 youths from the 1st Ferny Creek Scout group who will visit the Club on Wednesday 13th October to make kits from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Around the Club



Doesn't the new machine shop layout look beaut! The equipment is not only spaced more appropriately but the dust extraction system is really allowing us to have a more dust free air to breath. As you can see it is also easier for you to clean up after you have finished your project.



You probably cannot read the sign recently hung on the small docking saw. It was obviously put there in a moment of frustration and reads - "Congratulations Knox Woodworkers. Your fees at work. 13 teeth

knocked off the blade. Blade stuffed. Cost \$100". Please, be careful to check timber for metal inclusions before processing it through the saws or thickener, but if accidents do occur **PLEASE** tell the key holder. Damaged machinery can be dangerous for the next person using it, so think of others as well as your own safety.

Peter Jordan has taken a few minutes rest from woodturning to proudly display one of the finished wooden soldiers he has been making on the lathe. They are a great toy for kids to play with as the kids have to thread the segments on the centre pole in the right order to construct the soldier. A great project Peter and nicely painted up.



Jim Gay is showing 2 new simple projects he is helping to work on. The aeroplane has a round hole to take a flower pot so it would be a great novelty gift for children or to give to mothers etc.

I could not break Paul Phillip's concentration, even to get him

to look up for a photo. He is hard at work as usual, in the sanding shed, sanding pieces for kids-corner toy kits,.



Members Welfare

We wish Doug Dell well in getting back to normal soon. Also, Alan Brookes has not been well and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Rocking Horse Raffle Day at Bunnings - Scoresby Sat 9th and Sun 10th October



Please put your name on the notice board at the session you can attend as the more at each session, the easier it is for everyone.

This lovely carving has been done by Willy Schlaf at the carving group on Monday evenings and kindly donated as a prize for the Rocking

Horse raffle at the Stringybark Festival.

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Have you paid your Annual Fee?

Fees are due from the 1st September, so see the Treasurer. Remember, you must be financial to vote at the AGM.

Frank O'Connor

Stringybark Festival Sat 23rd and Sun 24th October

Please put your name down for the day you can attend - even if it for just a few hours.

Remember to wear your name badge (and Club jacket and cap if you have them) to get into the Festival free as a stall helper.

A warm welcome to our New Member

We hope our newest member gets great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see him around, have a chat and make him feel part of the Club family. Please wear your name badge and we ask him to proudly wear his new badge.

Leave your badge in the rack near the club entrance so you know where it is and don't inadvertently leave it at home. The new member is: - Amos Depasquale

Turners' Talk

Lindsay Rotherham is turning a small box and lid from red gum. He did the smart thing and rather than try to fret saw cut the fine pattern in the lid he had it laser cut professionally - and it certainly made the finished lid look great. I don't know if he finally finished the project as the box was giving problems with "chip outs" when I left!!



John Hooke has been working on this large bowl for several weeks. I always know when it is on the lathe as you can smell the lovely Camphor wood aroma. He says he finally finished it but I never did see the end result. Perhaps he will bring it in and I can photograph it for all to see.



Sausage sizzle & Auction Night!

At the 1st December Monthly meeting

Don't delay in critically appraising the tools and equipment you have in your home workshop. Donate for the auction those items you seldom, or never, use that are taking up valuable workshop space. Bring them down to the Club and we will store them until the auction.



The sausage sizzle will make it a great night. Naturally, it is BYO drinks. Food at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

Toy report

318 toys so far with only a few weeks to go as the cut off date is Wednesday 3rd November. We still have a long way to go to even equal last years 600 plus but there is still time!

Thank You to Bostik

We thank Bostik through Bruce Powell for the quantity of Adhesive they recently donated to the Club.

Carvers Corner



Jim Loblely is having fun carving some motifs out of Black Heart Sassafras. As usual the wood grain makes it hard to get the carving the same and naturally he would have liked all the pieces of wood to have had exactly the same grain pattern! Ah well, that is the nature of wood and adds to the challenge of carving. Good luck, Jim.

Rocking Horse Group Ramblings



A group of the rocking horse team having fun applying filler to the latest rocking horse being made for the Club. They are particularly happy as the painting is the last job before adding the trimmings so the horse is being completed on time.



Here is Paul Phillips again. Does Paul live at the Club doing voluntary work, as he always seems to be there when I visit? Our Club could not function without the dedication of many members like Paul. Here he is

working on shaping the next Club rocking horse.

Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	9:00 am - 1:00 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	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
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

October 9 th		CLOSED	RAFFLE TICKET SELLING AT BUNNINGS	
October 16 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
October 23 rd		CLOSED	STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL	
October 30 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
November 6 th	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 On and Coming Up etc.

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 6th October
Annual General Meeting.

Sat/Sun 9/10th October
Selling rocking horse raffle tickets at Bunnings Scoresby.

Wednesday 20th October
Monthly Committee Meeting.

Sat/Sun 23/24th October
Stringybark Festival stall.

Sunday 24th October
Neil Scobie Woodturning demonstration at the Club.

Friday 22nd October until Friday 26th November
6 Fridays 8:30-11:00 am for deep bowl etc Woodturning sessions by Bob Morrison. Details from Joyce Brown.

Sat/Sun 31st October
Warragul Woodworkers Club Open Day 10-4pm

Saturday 30th October
A coach trip to Werribee Zoo and Mansion organised by Peter Sleeman.

Wednesday 3rd November
Monthly General Meeting

Saturday 4th December

Christmas Break Up Party
Portland Trip
Peter Sleeman has organised the day train trip to Portland. Details on the Notice Board.

In The Big "Woodies" World

9th October
"Annual Steam & Wood Show" by Eildon & District Woodworkers Guild with the Alexandra Timber & Tramway & Museum

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

23-24th October
"Stringybark Festival" Rowville

30-31st October
Barwon Valley Woodwrights 14th Annual exhibition and sales.

8-9th November
Woodwork Exhibition Live Demonstrations Eltham Community Centre.

4-19th December

Wood Works 2004 at Meatmarket Arts Centre.

Saturday 20th November
The Ferntree Gully District Guides have their 8th Annual Agricultural Show on at the Guide Hall Underwood Rd FTG in conjunction with the FTG Village Community Fair. You can enter items in the 8 show sections for judging or just go to look from 9-3 pm. Information on the notice board.

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps	\$10
Club polo shirts	\$20
Rasps	\$2
Screws (packet)	\$2
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G)	\$2
Dowels (packet)	\$2
Pen kits (pack of 5)	\$15 & \$22
Velvet covers (pkt of 10)	\$4.50
Super Glue - thick & thin	\$14
Accelerator	\$15
Pen Blanks	
Pack of 6	\$5
Contact Bob Plant	9754 5920