

Newsletter of the

Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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OUR PRESIDENT'S NOVEMBER REPORT

The Election of Officers dominated our October Meeting for the 2004/2005 Committee. I wish to thank the Outgoing Committee and especially our retiring officers Joyce Brown, Doug Dell, Bob Plant and Ian Stanfield for their contribution and enthusiasm during the year. I also welcome the Incoming Committee and especially the New Faces to the Committee, Hughie Gaynor, Max Holt, Ron Ralph and Ian Stewart. Welcome gentlemen, and if our recent first Committee Meeting is any indication we have ourselves a lively Committee.



My congratulations to Colin Stewart on receiving the Bill Gillingham Award for outstanding work and contribution to the Club throughout the year (as in the photo). Congratulations also to Peter Sleeman on being awarded a Life Membership, and to Bill Hawley and Councillor Karin

Orpen on being awarded Honorary Membership for their outstanding contributions to the Club over many years. On Wednesday 13th October we hosted a visit and Kids Corner for 1st Ferny Creek Scout Group. I would like to thank Bruce Allen, Peter Horsburgh, Paul Phillips and

Colin Stewart for their assistance on the night, well done again.

The weekend of the 23rd and 24th October was very busy with the Stringybark Festival at which we had 34 members on Saturday and 28 on Sunday who all worked very hard to make our Stall, Demonstrations, Kids Corner, and Raffle a financial success. My thanks to everyone who helped, especially Nancy Stephens and Jean Whyte who worked both days on the sales at Kids Corner and sale of Raffle tickets respectively. Thank you ladies; your help is very much appreciated.

Also on Sunday 24th, we had our Neil Scobie Woodturning Demonstration attended by 35 members and visitors at the Clubrooms, organised by the Woodturning Group. All had a very successful and enjoyable day.



Our thanks to Bob Plant for organising the day. Thank you Bob. The photo shows the pieces he demonstrated how to woodturn and carve to achieve dramatic items.

The closer we get to Christmas the busier we seem to get. At our November 3rd meeting we will have the presentation of the toys from our Toy Appeal to The Knox Mayor's Appeal, St Vincent De Paul Appeal and Crime Victims Support Association. Also we have our Annual Rocking Horse Presentation to the Angliss Hospital.

Our 1st December Meeting will start at 6.30pm with a Sausage Sizzle followed by the meeting and then the Auction of donated goods.

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Saturday 4th December we will have our Christmas Breakup Spit Roast Function followed by Carols by Candlelight on the oval. I look forward to seeing as many as possible to enjoy Good Food, Good Company and Good Entertainment on the night. Further information on cost, tickets and times are in the newsletter.

Last but not least the Clubrooms will Close for the holiday break from Friday pm 17th December 2004 and will Reopen in the New Year on Monday am 10th January 2005. Look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Paddy Mc Cann

The action at the Stringybark Festival

Apart from raising much needed funds the main benefit from the Festival is the fun kids get from assembling the kits and the fun our members get helping them. Some kids come back year after year. What a marvellous 2 days!



Jim Diveney does not seem to realise this young lad is saying to himself, "If he's stupid enough to leave his finger there, then this time, I will certainly hit it!"

Ray Norton is constantly amazed, like all of us, that kids of all sizes love to hammer in nails.

Chris and Faye Potter really added a final touch for the kids with the pyrography they allowed them to do on their completed kit. Here is Faye instructing a youngster under the watchful eyes of his mum. Here are our intrepid providers of



sustenance for the 2 days. I could never remember whether Hughie Gaynor was the chief



chef and Ian Stanfield just the



"sausage cooker" or whether it was the other way around!!

"Look Mum, no hands!" I think Peter Horsburgh got conned by this pretty young lass into doing all the work on her kit.

I thought I had caught Charles Bruckner (our stand-in treasurer for the 2 days) with "his hand in the till" but he assured me he was putting the \$50 note "in" and not taking it "out". A recount of the finances at the end of the day proved he was telling the truth as the money all added up



correctly!! (only kidding Charles)

It was Alan Donner's first time helping at the Kids Corner and he thought it was great fun.

This young lass still had a lovely smile and a sense of humour after Paul Lucas had helped her assemble **two** box kits that had incorrectly sized pieces. It was a case of **third**

time lucky and she went away happy!

Two of our workers, Hughie Gaynor and Peter Horsburgh certainly knew how to relax for a few minutes during the day. They deserved the break as they both worked very hard – particularly Peter as he was one of the crew instrumental in assembling the kits over the previous months.



Paul Lucas

Members taking on important roles

Congratulations and thanks to these members for filling these necessary functions to further strengthen the efficient and safe running of our Club.

Peter Sleeman – Maintenance Officer

Max Holt – Safety Officer

John O'Rorke – Publicity Officer

Guest Speaker Coordinator – ?? - We are still seeking a volunteer. Will you volunteer?

Club Equipment status

The area between the sanding shed and workshop will be roofed and concreted when the rear paths are concreted. The installation of a toilet suitable for disabled members will be deferred until there is a definite need due to the cost. Space will be allowed for a small dishwasher whenever the kitchen is remodelled in the future to allow for meeting increasing health regulations.

The committee approved the conversion of the Woodfast lathe to variable speed provided the lathe is locked and only used by those who have undergone a brief training program. A small camera has been purchased to allow for videoing demonstrations etc. on a TV screen.

Ferntree Gully Village Fair Saturday 20th November

We need volunteers to help with Kids Corner from 9 am to 3 pm. Put your name on the notice board.

Stringbark Festival was a great success

Paddy has already thanked everyone for the effort put into this function over the 2 days. A particularly warm thanks goes to those behind the scenes who prepare all the kits over the months before, those who get all the gear ready for the day and to those who assemble the stall on the Saturday and those who pack up the stall on the Sunday. The Festival was a financial success that justified the effort as follows:

Raffle	\$2,389
Kids Corner	\$2,378
Miscellaneous sales	\$66

After expenses we gained over \$4,200 towards Club funds. This amount is important as it enables your annual fees to be kept to a minimum.

Christmas Breakup Spit Roast Dinner followed by Carols By Candlelight Saturday 4th December

Everyone who has attended this Christmas breakup in the past agree it is a great night. Newer members and their families will not want to miss it!

A good feed of spit roast, salads and sweets with a raffle and the camaraderie of fellow members and families.

Members start arriving from 5 pm with the meal starting at 6 pm.

Bring your own folding table and chairs, and your own drinks.

COST IS ONLY \$10 PER HEAD FOR MEMBERS,
FAMILY & FRIENDS, WITH CHILDREN UNDER
12 YEARS \$5

Toy report

Approximately 400 toys so far with the cut off date Wednesday 3rd November. We still have a long way to go to even equal last years 600 plus!

Sausage sizzle & Auction Night! 1st December Monthly meeting

You can donate **any** items you like for the auction – they do not have to be items involved with woodworking.

Well, **almost** any items can be donated – we draw the line at you donating partners, children or grandchildren!! The main problem with bringing them is we have no storage or feeding facilities and what do we do with them after the auction if they don't sell? Bring your items down to the Club and we will store them until the auction. We want the items before the night so they can be sorted etc.

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.

Success for one of our members at the Stringybark Festival

The annual Knox Garden Competition is run in conjunction with the Stringybark Festival and Paul Lucas (your editor) and his wife Maureen were honoured to win this year with their 1/3 acre home garden. It is the first time they have entered and competition is keen with over 150,000 residents in the Knox District.

The garden is open free of charge (with tea or coffee) for any members and their families to visit:

Friday 5th November - from 1 pm
64 Timbertop Drive, Rowville
(Melway 81 G5)

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 4 newest members get great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see them around, have a chat and make them feel part of the Club family. With everyone wearing their name badge it is easier for them to quickly settle in.

The new members are: - Henk Rietmeyer
Perla Garces
Ms Jo Fontana
Valerio Rech

A historic time for our Newsletter - it's your printed copy in colour!!

This is the first issue to be hard copy printed in colour for members. The trial is for 2 months so have your say as to whether you like it, so the committee can decide whether to continue next year.

The newsletter is now emailed to 33 members each month and to 27 kindred Woodworking Clubs around Australia. Did you get your email copy?

Have you:

-changed your email address?
-just got one?

Advise Paul Lucas so he can keep his email listing up to date and accurate.

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

November 6 th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
November 13 th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
November 20 th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
November 27 th	9:00 am -12:00 noon	WORKING BEE	
December 4 th	5:00 pm	CHRISTMAS BREAK	UP PARTY

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 Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Tuesday	Day (am)	Each week	Festival Kit development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
	Evening	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
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 3rd November
Monthly General Meeting.

Saturday 20th November
Ferntree Gully Village
Community Fair – Kids Corner.

Wednesday 17th November
Monthly Committee Meeting.

Saturday 27th November
WORKING BEE – to ready the Club facilities for the Christmas dinner, among other things.

Wednesday 1st December
Monthly General Meeting.
Sausage Sizzle at 6:30 pm and Auction at 7:30 pm

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

6-7th November
Whittlesea Agricultural Show.

13-14th November

Woodwork Exhibition Live
Demonstrations Eltham
Community Centre.

4-19th December
Wood Works 2004 at
Meatmarket Arts Centre,
Melbourne.

12-17th January 2005
Queenscliff & District
Woodworkers Exhibition &
Sale.

25-28th March 2005
Bendigo Woodturners Easter
Exhibition.

8th-10th April 2005
Turn-Fest, Mt Tamborine,
Queensland

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

For Sale

Tough Woodturning Lathe –
older model. Complete with
sanding attachment and
accessories. VGC \$1,150
Contact Cliff Walsh 9725 9505

Air Filtration System – JET
new, remote control. Mount on
wall or ceiling. 30x24 inch.
Extracts very fine dust particles
from a workshop, office or
clubrooms. \$395.
Ring Jan or Ray Brown
9762 1063

**Remember to wear
appropriate clothes, shoes,
safety glasses, ear
protection and dust mask
when using Club
equipment.
Your health is
important, look after it.
THINK SAFE
WOODWORKING**