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OUR PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY REPORT

At the start of 2005 I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our Christmas Break Up Function was a great success with 106 members, families and friends in attendance. The weather was good the catering was good and the company was terrific. I would like to thank all those members who give their time and labour in preparing our venue and helping on the day. Thank you all for helping make a success of the function and from the feedback I have received everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have already had a busy start to the year with our "Kids Corner" at Rowville Community Centre on Monday 24th January 05, where we had 35 kids aged between 5yrs and 11yrs, making up kits - thanks to the 8 members who volunteered and gave their time and labour to make a success of the activity. Thank you all.

One of our two Major Fundraising Activities "The Knox Festival" will be held on Sat 5th and Sun 6th March. We will require all members to make themselves available for as much time as possible on both days to assist with "Kids Corner", selling raffle tickets or conducting demonstrations on our stall. The Festival is a good time for new members to learn and enjoy this annual activity. The jobs are not difficult and we can train people on the day.

The "Kids Corner Kits" Group on Monday Nights and Tuesday Daytime still require help and would welcome members anytime. Please contact the Coordinator Peter Horsburgh.

We are running a Coach Trip to Shepparton Woodturning Show on Sat. 12th March. Only one Coach, still a few seats available, please contact Peter Sleeman. Looking forward to seeing you around the Club.
Paddy Mc Cann

The Knox Festival on Sat 5th & Sun 6th March

This Festival is one of our major funds raisers for the Club. Success at this event keeps your annual fees low. We expect all members to attend and assist in some way, unless there are unusual circumstances. Please put your name on the list on the notice board to save someone approaching you individually to get you involved.
Your Committee

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. With everyone wearing their name badge it is easier for him to quickly settle in. Our new member is:
Gary Hallawell

A woodturning instruction period with Bob Morrison

There will be another woodturning series of 6 sessions conducted by Bob Morrison starting in March following the success of the program in 2004.

Welfare Officer/s wanted

We are still looking for a Welfare Officer. A volunteer?

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Around the Club

There was a lot of noise with the 106 people attending the successful Christmas Party, but it was amazing how it went suddenly quiet when everyone had their meal. It obviously meant the food was good and was enjoyed by all. We really picked the day for good weather also.



The Friday night Rocking Horse group certainly knew how to celebrate a successful year with a real party.

This group deserved their relaxing time as they have been real contributors to the club over the year working on club horses. Of course many of them have also had the satisfaction of completing their own horse.

No, Ray Norton is not putting the roof panel ON the lovely doll house roof he is making.

He is taking it OFF before the adhesive dries because he made the classic mistake, we all make at times, by finding he left insufficient clearance for the lid to open around the hinges! Lucky he found out before it dried!



Pat Jiminex was caught at just the right time as he was so happy he had successfully completed a picture frame he gave himself a "thumbs up" – so I asked him to repeat it for



It is amazing the projects members work on. Noni Jean is duplicating a fascinating African Giraffe but it will be finished in a different coating when completed. She is finding the shapes and curves on the model a real challenge.

the photo.

Keep your eyes open as it is incredible what you can pick up that people are dumping. The classic example is the piece of English Oak in the picture. Michael Smith brought it to the Club and it was dirty and really did look like firewood. Careful cleanup and thickening left him with a beautiful 300mm wide by 3.2 metre long board with a nice grain. He hasn't worked out what he will do with it yet!



Bruce Allen is hard at work as usual repairing a piece of Club equipment.



Alistair Green has built a wooden bar and is now building a bottle rack dispenser frame to be able to distribute

mixed drinks. In the photo he is gluing decorative drink coasters to cork backgrounds and then clear sealing them to make them impervious to drink spills. Most of my mates don't need drink coasters as they don't waste drink by spilling it!! But, it certainly sounds like his bar area will be a real talking point for visitors.



Val Rech is busy concentrating on drilling holes in a section of a stair



balustrade he is constructing. He is using one of the longest drill bits I have ever seen! John Di Donna did not let a plaster cast on his arm for several weeks hold him back from attending the Club. He is here helping a new member, Henk Rietmeyer, to learn a few points on turning and finishing items.

Safety Report

This will be a permanent section in future editions now we have a Safety Officer in Max Holt.

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Someone has not read the very clear sign above the docking saw and has adjusted the saw out of alignment, necessitating a time consuming readjustment by Max.



ensure it is adequately stocked.

An 'Accident Report Book' will be located in a prominent position near the entrance bench to the Workroom. Please ensure you fill it out if you have an injury as it is a record of incidences and helps prompt a regular check of contents of the first aid kit to

Rocking Horse Ramblings



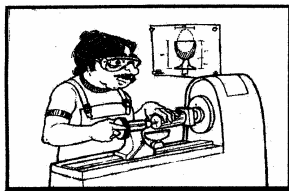
Bernie Dunton has already worked on his third horse. The head and leg are parts of a sugar pine horse but they are sitting on a lovely piece of Kauri that he will use on a horse for his 9 week old great granddaughter.



A new year means sorting and preparing all the fittings for the horses to be made over 2005 so Vincent Hughes,

Charles Bruckner and Paul Phillips are having a friendly discussion while doing the work.

Turners Talk



Neville Hargreaves is enjoying turning a pen on the mini lathe



The Monday morning and Tuesday evening turning sessions welcome new enthusiasts at any time – beginners are particularly encouraged.



Workshop Equipment Status

The Dovetail Jig has been purchased and members may use it after receiving appropriate instruction.

Two closed circuit security cameras are in the process of being installed in the Workshop which will provide continuously taped images of what is happening in the area. After evaluating their success we will consider whether more need to be added to cover other areas.

An additional 2 pleated filters will be installed on the new extraction system to further reduce the incidence of the very fine dust particles.

In the near future, the area between the sanding shed and the workroom will be roofed and the paving concreted to improve facilities. The paving outside the woodturning room will also be resurfaced shortly to make it more level and safer in the wet weather.

The committee is investigating the most suitable tape and CD video playing equipment to purchase to allow us to conduct demonstration and instruction sessions at the Club.

Your email copy of your Newsletter

Have you: -advised your email address?
-changed your email address?
-just got an email address?
-don't want to receive the newsletter anymore?

Advise Paul Lucas, via pigeon hole, email or phone so I can keep the email listing up to date.

We are seeking further Sponsors for our newsletter

Know of anyone, a business or organisation who would be interested in also contributing to sponsoring the newsletter? Give a committee member the details so it can be followed up. Everyone likes the colour version of the newsletter, but it naturally costs more to produce.

Trip on 12th March to the Shepparton Woodworking, Woodturning and Craft Show

Peter Sleeman has organized a coach trip on the Saturday 12th March. He could only book one coach so it is a case of first in with their names, get seats - and the coach is filling fast!

Put your name/s on the notice board.

The cost is a modest \$23, which includes morning tea and entry to the Show! The coach departs at 8 am and returns around 5 pm.

It will be a great day!

Bendigo Community Bank donation

We warmly thank the Bendigo Bank Ferntree Gully and Rowville branches for generously donating \$1,000 for purchasing timber for toys and for signage at the front of our site and \$200 for sponsorship of our newsletter.

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	9801 2197
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Mornings

February 5 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
February 12 th	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
February 19 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
February 26 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
March 5 th		KNOX FESTIVAL	

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	John Emptage 9758 6103
	Evening	Each week	Carvers 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 2nd March
Monthly General Meeting.
Sat/Sun 5/6th March
Knox Festival "Kids Corner"
Sat 12th March
Bus trip to the Shepparton Woodworking Show
Sunday 14th August
"Be-In-It" Competition
and Club Rooms Open Day

In The Big "Woodies" World

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	\$1
Screws (packet)	\$2
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G)	\$2

Dowels (packet)	\$2
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Contact Bob Plant 9754 5920 for:
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

Joke of the month

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table and she didn't miss them until after they had been driving about twenty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses. All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and

scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became and he just wouldn't let up. To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat, and credit card."

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

Also, remember to wear appropriate gear when near other members using Club machinery!!

Your health is important, look after it.

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