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Newsletter of the

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OUR PRESIDENT'S APRIL REPORT

The "Knox Festival" on Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th March was a reasonable success for us raising approx. \$2,600, Although not as successful as last year, still a success. Because of the inclement weather, it put a dampener on the crowd attendance on Saturday, but Sunday picked up and helped us achieve our total. Our thanks go to the 31 members who attended on Saturday and the 26 members who attended on Sunday. Thank You Ladies and Gentlemen.

Some may say that this was a good attendance of members, and it was, but when we look more closely, approx. 20 volunteers attended on both days, leaving 11 others on Saturday and 6 others on Sunday, which equals a total of 37 individual members, attended. Now if we take our total membership of 170 then the turn up equals only 20% of our membership, which brings us back to the same old story, of the same small number of members who are committed to our club and support most of our efforts be-it Fund Raising and/or Community Support Activities. **THINK ABOUT IT!!**

I would like to thank Nancy Stephens for her support on both days with the selling of the "Kids Corner kits". Thank you again Nancy.

We have a number of Community Support Projects on the go at present (see details later in the newsletter), if you would like to be involved in any of these or with preparing kits for "Kids Corner" please speak to me or one of the Committee and we will point you in the right direction.

We are urgently in need of a Welfare Officer and are looking for one or more volunteers to fill this position. If you are available or can suggest someone for the position please contact one of the committee.

Thank you all in anticipation and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.
Paddy Mc Cann

A Theatre night out for members, partners and friends on Saturday 21st May at 8:15 pm

Join in the fun of a night out to see "The Star Spangled Girl" by the Knox Theatre Company. Book early.

Workshop Equipment Status

There is an increasing need to prematurely replace the expensive sanding tubes on the reciprocating sander in the sanding shed. This is inevitably traced to members sanding painted items, which prematurely clogs the paper. **REMEMBER, NO PAINTED ITEMS ARE TO BE SANDED ON THE RECIPROCATING SANDER.** To improve safety from items flying off the lathes in the woodturning room we will trial repositioning the lathes against the wall. If this proves unsuccessful we will consider installing an appropriate safety guard on each lathe, but this will be a last resort due to space constraints. The video surveillance cameras are now in operation.

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Advise Paul Lucas if you have not advised your new or changed email address.

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Around the Club

Bill Ireland built a beautiful, very large tall book case frame at the Club and carefully loaded it upright on his trailer and drove home very carefully so it would not get damaged. He arrived home very proud and even the neighbours heard him arrive with his new creation!

Unfortunately, he was heard arriving home because he forgot about the clearance (or actually the lack of clearance) under his carport. Do I need to say any more??

Knox Festival 2005

A pretty young lass from the adjoining stall rushed into our Festival tent and asked for some assistance. Naturally, every man within hearing distance immediately stepped forward and volunteered – until they heard that she wanted them to dispose of a very large spider in her tent! Suddenly, everyone had a more important task to do! Someone gave her a rolled up piece of newspaper, as a swat, and sent her away. As she went she mumbled something about “what happened to the great knights in shining armour” and I believe one of our members had mumbled that “it had all gone rusty”!



Ladislav Toman is holding the lovely turned bowl that was 3rd prize in the raffle. We believe he was hoping to win it because someone said they thought he was going to put a handle on the side if it and keep it in his bedroom!



This photo of Paddy McCann was taken by Bill Ireland, who is one of our newer members and an avid



photographer. It shows



that even club presidents realise that if you keep the “troops” stomachs filled you keep the troops happy on dismal days like the Saturday was.

Perla Garcés concentrates on helping a young lad assemble a jet plane.



The photo of the children eagerly working on a toy or patiently waiting their turn just epitomises what the 2

days at the Festival is about for us woodworkers.

The photo of the “little tacker” is classic as he was obviously wondering whether he could lift the hammer high enough to hit the nail (or the helpers finger)



Community support activities

You should be proud of the work our Club members do for all kinds of community groups. As Paddy says, unfortunately a dedicated few do most of it so why not volunteer some of your time to help? It is a real benefit to the community groups and we get a lot of public kudos from it.

The projects currently underway:

1. A large Red Gum outdoor setting has been constructed for the special needs kids at the Upwey High School.
2. 25 adjustable stools for parents and 10 adjustable chairs for kids and 10 other special chairs for kids are under construction for the children with Cerebral Palsy.
3. Refurbishment of a lectern for the Knox Council.
4. 10 Bird Nesting Boxes for the Knox Council.
5. The making and erecting of shelves and a cupboard for the Ringwood North Kindergarten.
6. A 3 metre long log sign with “FOOTHILLS” Ferntree Gully Cemetery carved into it for the Knox Council.
7. An “A” frame notice board for the “Equiknox” Windermere Pre School.
8. Small children’s tables for Kallista Kindergarten.
9. “Kids Corner” at the Rowville Library on Thursday 30th June. Helpers are needed for this day.

The dedicated member highlighted this month is Max Holt who is coordinating the construction of the items for the Cerebral Palsy children in point 2. above. He has some enthusiastic helpers at times but is doing a large percentage of the work himself. He is getting the production process down to a fine art and thinking how it can be even better

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planned, because it is obvious there will be an ongoing need for more of these chairs over the years. Thank you Max.

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our newest members get great enjoyment out of the Club. Please make them feel part of the Club family. With everyone wearing their name badge it is easier for them to quickly settle in.

Our new members are: Rennie van Aken
David Ashmore
Kris Hald

Our Club trip to the Shepparton Woodworking Show

Ray Norton won 5th prize of the wooden clock in the door raffle.

The weather was perfect and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you Peter Sleeman, for organising the day!

Our Club trip to "Woop-Woop"!

What a great day we had last Saturday April 2, once we knew the bus was going to arrive – it was late! A lovely break in Castlemaine town then a beaut BBQ lunch in the Botanic Gardens followed by a fascinating visit to Woop-Woop to be escorted around and see the imaginative garden creations that comically illustrated the meanings of all the Ozzie sayings from the past. All the ladies attending thought the day was a real treat but



appreciated the occasional seat (as in the photos, which includes Marek Toman) as it was an active day for everyone.



Bruce Allen and Peter Sleeman were playing in the bush band with more enthusiasm than talent so we advised them not to give up their day jobs!

Another great trip organised by Peter

Sleeman.

A big thank you to Cr Karin Orpen

Cr Karin Orpen, the Councillor for Dobson Ward, has generously donated \$500 to the Club from her fund to help cover costs associated with the issuing of our monthly newsletter. Thank you Karin!

Toy Count

The count, to date, is a disappointing 16 toys with the majority if these coming from Les Clayton as in the photo.



Good on you Les! We know many of you are working on toys so progressively bring them in when completed so we can monitor the tally.

Member Welfare

Bernard Dunton has been in poor health and we wish him a speedy recovery so he can get back to "the horses" on Friday nights – making, not betting!

Merv Kann is not well and we wish him a speedy recovery. Doug Dell continues to be in our thoughts as he undergoes further treatment.

We hope Bob Plant recovered quickly from his mishap at the Knox Festival when a piece of wood from the lathe flew off and hit him in the mouth.

Useful Website reference

www.theaustralianwoodturningexhibition.com

This is a useful site if you are considering entering the Woodturning Exhibition at Nunawading on June 17-19 this year.

Our Club Reference Library

We have an excellent library of reference books and videos that can be borrowed. Just see the key holder to verify items you borrow and have the key holder verify eventual return. Know of any other up-to-date instructional woodworking books or videos or DVDs that we should have in the library for members to use? If so, advise us of the name and author and the committee will decide if we purchase them over a period.

With the VCR and CVD players now in the Club we can consider showing appropriate instructional information at general meetings or at other appropriate group-gatherings or just for individuals to view by themselves.

Replacement Club badges

The increasing number of members permanently mislaying their badges, is involving an increasing work load and cost to replace them.

The committee has reluctantly decided to charge members a fee of \$1 to replace any badge, from this time on. We know you will understand the need for this.

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Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
Tuesday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
Thursday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner	9801 2197
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

9 th April	9:00 am	12:00 noon	WORKING BEE	
16 th April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
23 rd April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
30 th April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
7 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 1886
<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	John Emptage 9758 6103
	Evening	Each week	Carvers Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206 Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Tuesday	Day	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, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 4th May
Monthly General Meeting.
Wednesday 20th April
Committee Meeting.
Thursday 30th June
"Kids Corner" at the Rowville Library.
Sunday 14th August
"Be-In-It" Competition and Club Rooms Open Day.

In The Big "Woodies" World

8-10th April
Turn-Fest, Mt Tamborine, Queensland
23 April-1st May
Eastern Riverina Woodworkers exhibition at Tumut
16-30th May
Colac Woodturners Exhibition to celebrate 25 years, at Gardens Tearooms.
17-22nd May
Peninsula Woodturners Exhibition/Competition, Frankston RSL
29th May
Wimmera Wood Show

17-19th June
Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Whitehorse Centre Nunawading.
1-3rd July
"Craft Alive", Bendigo.
7-9th October
"Working with Wood" Show, Melbourne.

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

Contact Bob Plant ph9754 5920
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

For Sale

36" wood lathe, floor drill press, small band saw, scroll saw, numerous power tools,

hand tools, hardware, wood, household items.
Contact Max Holt ph 0415 761 378

"Leda" 12 inch table saw. 12 months old for \$1,300. Good buy. Contact Waverley Woodworkers ph 9802 7821

The unequal sexes!

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are attractive to the opposite sex.

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

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