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OUR PRESIDENT'S MAY REPORT

Our year is moving very quickly, with the first four months already gone. We are still very busy with numerous projects around the club. I would appreciate you getting involved in these projects, please contact me or one of the committee for details.

On Sunday 14th August 2005 we will be holding our Annual 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day. For those who do not know or have not experienced one of these days, it is an opportunity for members, their families and friends to visit the Club and see some of the work members have completed in the previous year. The 'Be In It' Competition is open to all members who may enter as many pieces of work as they wish, which they have completed in the last 12 months. The entries will be segregated into different categories e.g. wood turning - spindle, furniture - major or minor, and will be judged on the day with certificates presented to the winners of each category. We will have afternoon tea and you will have time to browse and inspect the entries. The day is the only opportunity that members will have to see the varied completed works, diverse skills, quality and quantities of items produced by fellow members. Remember we all work at our own individual projects during the year but although we see our own finished articles, how often do we see the other members' finished work. Further details will be given closer to the day.

You may think that the 14th of August is a long way off, but I am informing you now to give you the opportunity to have your entry completed on time. I encourage and recommend all members especially our newest members to

enter the competition and join in the spirit of 'Be In It'. Mark it in your diary and come along on the day, bring your family and friends to enjoy a special afternoon. Last year we had over 90 entries and more than 100 people attended, so again I encourage you to come along and help us enjoy this very special day and look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to remind you of our toy appeal for disadvantaged children at Christmas. Each member is expected to make at least one toy for the appeal. If we are to reach our last year's total of 600 toys we need to be getting a movement as our current total stands at 25 which have been donated by 2 members. You still have time but don't forget how quickly time goes, you have approximately 6 months until we present our toys to our chosen charities.

Thank you in anticipation and I hope to meet you around the club soon.
Paddy McCann

The Tsunami Appeal

Following members at the April general meeting voting for the Club to donate money to the above appeal, the committee decided the amount would be \$500. There will now be an investigation into which organisation our Club money will be given to, so we ensure the maximum amount actually gets to the people in need of help.

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

What a bargain at only \$10 per person and this includes a supper!!

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

Book early (by putting your name on the notice board)!!

Around the Club



Mike Pendrey has had several photos taken and wondered if he would ever actually get in the newsletter. Well here it is Mike! He was cutting strips of board to finally reassemble them by reversing the alternate ones to produce a chess

board.

Wolf Passauer is one of our newest members and is wisely trying out the recently purchased dovetail jig on some scrap pine before venturing into a box using a more exotic quality timber. It was lucky he did as his first effort was not right. Wolf, in his younger days had exposure to a traditional old time wheelwright who produced marvellous dovetails by hand but Wolf could see the benefits of using the jig – once you got the hang of it!!



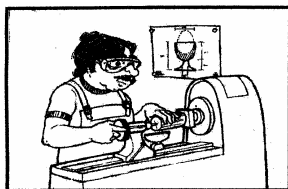
Our Club trip to "Woop-Woop"!

Here is Paddy Mc Cann in a typical pose of a "boss cocky" at Woop-Woop. We could see his wife, Pat, in the background quietly saying to herself that he should take full advantage of this occasion as it would be back to normal once he got home where they both know who the "boss cocky" was!!

Another great trip organised by Peter Sleeman.



Turners' Talk



Ken Port, from Woodcut Tools NZ, will be at the Club on Monday 19th September from 9am to 3pm, demonstrating deep hollowing, sharpening and

care of tools in the workshop and also demonstrating a bowl saving unit. There is no charge to attend, but there will be a small fee for a simple lunch. When I have the numbers and worked out the catering, the price will be available. Contact me or Paddy to book in - so far we have 23.
Joyce Brown

Community support activities undertaken by the Club

Description	Recipient	Status
1. Large Red Gum Outdoor setting	Upwey High School (Special Needs Kids)	Completed, to be collected
2. 25 Adjustable stools for parents 10 Adjustable chairs for kids 10 Special chairs for kids	Cerebral Palsy Aids for Kids	Completed In Progress In Progress
3. Refurbishment of Lectern	Knox Council	In Progress
4. 10 Bird Nesting Boxes	Knox Council	In Progress
5. Making and Erecting shelves and cupboards	Ringwood North Kindergarten	In Progress
6. "FOOTHILLS" 3 metre Log Sign	FTG Cemetery (Knox Council)	Started
7. "A" Frame Notice Board	"Equiknox" Windemere Pre-School	Completed
8. "Kids Corner" (30 June)	Rowville Library	Pending
9. Small Children's Tables	Kallista Kindergarten	In Planning
10. "Reach out for Kids" plaque.	Reach out for Kids	In Planning
11. Woodturning demonstration at a local school. Joe Semenow will also talk about making a rocking horse.	St Josephs School (for 3 sessions)	Joyce Brown coordinating

Workshop Equipment Status

We have purchased a new 206mm planer to replace the existing 152mm one that constantly needs maintenance.

Not getting your Newsletter via email?

Advise Paul Lucas if you have just got an email address or have changed your existing email address.

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Cr Karin Orpen,
the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

Working Bee on Saturday 11th June at 9 am

The committee has finally reached the point where we need **your** participation and help at the Working Bees. There are only 6 per year (every second month).

We have the "regulars" who volunteer every time but now we require **your** participation as well. We have divided up the membership list in alphabetical order so those who do not traditionally go are listed to attend just once per year.

Remember, you are only being asked to volunteer 3 hours on a Saturday morning once a year for your benefit in the Club.

**For the 11th June the members to attend are those with the surname starting with:
A, B, C and D**

Christmas Toy Count

As Paddy said, the count, to date, is still only 25 toys. Bring them in as they are progressively completed so we can monitor the tally.

It's your newsletter - got anything to contribute?

Forward contributions to Paul Lucas, as I am always pleased to fit items in. However, I must receive them no later than the Wednesday before the monthly meeting.

We finally have a Welfare Officer!!

Ian Stanfield has kindly volunteered to take on this important position.

Naturally, he cannot be around all the time and cannot know what is happening with all members so your help is needed to advise who is not feeling the best during the month.

A notice board has been put near the door to the office. If you hear of a member being ill, just jot down their name. They will be acknowledged in the next newsletter and if they are ill for some time the Club and members in the Club can contact them.

Thanks for coordinating this important Club community activity Ian!!

Members welfare

Just because we have a Welfare Officer you don't all have to suddenly get sick - based on the number reported this first month!

A number of our members are unwell and we wish them all a swift recovery over the coming weeks. They are:

Paul Aminde
Bruce Powell
Bernie Dunton
Jim Jones
Colin Howie

Ian Stanfield

"Kids Corner" at the Home Show in August 2005

Through Peter Horsburgh, Novara Furniture Company has invited our Club to run a Kids Corner workshop at the Home Show at Jeff's Shed.

The benches etc will be provided so basically all we will have to supply are the toy kits. It sounds like a great way for the Club to access a completely different range of children than at the Stringybark and Knox Festivals and could give the Club valuable publicity and extra funds. Details of the dates and times and what volunteer help will be necessary will be made available shortly.

Safety Issues

Another incident occurred recently when the wood was not securely anchored while using the vertical stand drill. Particularly if dense dry wood is being drilled - the powerful motor is unlikely to stall if the bit catches into the wood. Poorly clamped timber can be spun and thrown, which can easily injure the user or a person nearby. Joyce Brown highlighted an article in the woodturning magazine about a person who recently had his workshop burn down due a charger catching fire while charging a battery from one of his tools. Think about it - do you ensure you charge your portable battery gear in a fire proof area in case the unit overheats and catches fire?

Shepparton Woodworkers Club will visit us on Saturday 4th June at 11 am

Following the recent visit to the Shepparton Show up to 50 members from the above Club will visit our premises for a few hours to look at our facilities, exchange ideas with members and see what we do.

Come along, as a BBQ lunch and sweets will be supplied.

All we ask is that you bring a small plate of salad.

Bring items you have made to put on a marvellous "show and tell" so they can see what we are capable of achieving with our almost unequalled range of equipment. See me if you want further details. Put your name down so we can cater correctly.

Peter Sleeman

A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members get as great enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making 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: Mervyn Williams
Rodney Savage
Wolf Passauer
Mike Sheehan
Shelia Doran

Frank O'Connor

Useful Website reference

A fascinating Australian website that is worth adding to your favourites listing, as it is a forum, where articles are continually being added.

<http://www.woodworkforums.ubeaut.com.au/>

Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	8:30 am	- 12:30 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

7 th May	9:30 am	12:30 noon	Chris Smith	9729 1886
14 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9758 2173
21 st May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
28 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
4 th June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
<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 18th May
Committee Meeting.
Wednesday 1st June
Monthly General Meeting.
Saturday 11th June
WORKING BEE
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

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.

March 2005

1-3rd July
"Craft Alive", Bendigo.
24-25th September
Mildura Woodshow 2005
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

10 ways of dealing with the burdens of life

1. Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
2. Always keep your words soft

and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3. Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
4. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
5. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
6. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
7. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
8. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
9. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box!

**THINK SAFE
WOODWORKING**