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Our President's February report

Due to our President, Paddy, having unfortunate personal family issues necessitating him having to visit Ireland at short notice there is no report from him this month.

You, as a member, did not receive your email copy of this February newsletter?

We don't feel left out – no-one got a copy - we decided that all members should pick up their marked copy from the sign-in desk at the Club as your raffle tickets for the Knox Festival are attached.

Your Committee

Why is my hard copy of the newsletter in black and white, and not colour?

Unfortunately, the printing of the newsletter at my home has cost me too much, as I have worn out a colour printer in the last year printing around 5,000 pages, and that is without my own private printing!!

Consequently, we have gone back to using an outside printing group. I have increased the size of photos to make them clearer without colour and so this means the number of photos included will be reduced each month.

However, remember if you have an email address, then you can still get the colour version delivered to you each month. Members obtaining, or changing, their email address can contact me at my email address at the top of the newsletter to get on the mailing list.

Paul Lucas

A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members get as much 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.

We welcome our 5 new members:

John Ward
Peter Cass
Tony McKay
Louis Smith
Peter Bradley

Frank O'Connor

The Knox Festival (and Kids Corner) on Sat 4th & Sun 5th March

This Festival, with Kids Corner, is one of our 2 major funds raisers for the Club and success at this event lowers the pressure on increasing your annual fees. Have some fun by joining the volunteers, as we expect all members to attend and assist in some way, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Add your name to the list on the notice board to save someone approaching you individually to get you involved.

Don't know where the Festival is held? It is on the Knox Oval adjoining our Clubrooms and our stand is generally a short distance on from the Library building.

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Community Support Activities being undertaken by the Club

Description	Recipient	Status
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In Progress
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids	Continuing for 2006
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continually In Progress
Kids Corner Kits	Stringybark and Knox Festivals	Continually In Progress, Monday nights & Tuesday days
4 Small Tables	Kallista Kinder	In progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In progress
Clock	2006 Knox Festival Raffle	In progress
Turned Bowl	2006 Knox Festival Raffle	In progress
Special Chairs	Cerebral Palsy Association	Continually In Progress
Adjustable Stools	Cerebral Palsy Association	In Progress

Equipment and workshop maintenance

Just a reminder, that we appreciate members cleaning up the equipment **and** surrounding area when they have finished using any particular machinery. This ensures we meet safety standards as well as the workshop looking neat and tidy for other members and visitors etc.

Lately, the work shop area has often been left in a very dirty state.

The keyholders are not "staff" and unfortunately we do not have servants to clean and tidy up.

Whoever placed signs on many of the machines last week saying "Do not use, as the dust bags are full" had best keep a low profile. Those who came the next day and had to empty the overfull bags and remove the signs were not pleased!! Why couldn't the person erecting the signs have put the same amount of time and energy into emptying the dust bags??

Unfortunately, I can hear the person who did it saying "But I didn't fill them!"

A continuing "thank you" to members

The donations from members for timber taken from the Club's timber stock totalled \$178 for December – well done - as it helps the Club's finances and justifies the time and efforts of others in donating, collecting, stacking it on the shelves.

A special thanks to Michael Smith for his continuing contributions of timber and other items – well done.

Your Committee

Safety issues around the Club

1. Members are reminded that it is important to wear a face shield when woodturning. Some are available at the Club but it is better if members purchase one for themselves that fits them and is comfortable to wear.

2. Despite repeated warnings, members continued to block easy access to the medical kit so the committee decided to reposition it on the face of the kitchen bench,

where it will not get blocked in. Just be aware it is there and do not bang your legs on it and cause an injury!!

3. Do you wear ear protection when other members are using the thicknesser? The noise it generates is above the normal safety level.

4. Even with the very hot Summer we are experiencing, please remember to still wear appropriate shoes and shirts etc when in the Club workshop, for your safety and protection (loose fitting clothing is dangerous).

Remember we have a Dovetailing jig kit

Refer to the key holder if you wish to use this expensive, but useful, piece of equipment and he will provide the key to the cupboard. You will need to fill out the book when using it and have the key holder sign it back in when finished.

We will have another demonstration on its use at a general meeting later in the year to show new members its benefits and acquaint existing members with its operation.

Medical Card for your benefit

As a further possible benefit to you, if your name badge is in the rack at the Club, you will find I have inserted a medical card behind your name card. These cards have been kindly provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service and we will give them a donation in appreciation. You have the option of filling it in with any relevant medical details you wish to provide, as this information could be invaluable if you need medical treatment while at the Club at some time in the future.

Naturally, due to privacy issues, the option of recording this information on the card is entirely at your discretion. If you need a further card due to changing circumstances in the future, please refer to me.

Paul Lucas

Include your Partners name on the Club list?

Many members have commented that when they contact another member at home they are often embarrassed, as when they call they do not know how to address the partner who sometimes answers the phone or the door.

We have decided to offer members the opportunity to provide their partners first name so it can be added to the membership list which is always pinned on the notice board.

A sheet is at the entrance desk when you sign in for you to add a name. This list will be left there for several weeks.

Please print clearly so we get the spelling correct.

Naturally, due to privacy issues, the option of providing this information on the sheet is entirely at your discretion.

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the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

Welfare

The following have all been unwell since the last newsletter:

John Hooke

Dick Kors

-and we wish them all a speedy recovery

Paddy McCann is in Ireland on family issues.

Manfred Shores has been back at the Club

A “thank you” note from the Burch Memorial Pre-School



Photo by Rod Phillips

After receiving the above 2 rocking horses from the Club, we received the following note from the Pre-School President:

“The efforts of the Knox Woodworkers are greatly appreciated by the Committee and Staff to help us in the development of our kinder. The horses are a welcome addition to the toys available to the children. They have become a fabulous learning tool also with the children investigating horses, what they do, eat and so on.”

Rod Phillips - President - Burch Memorial Pre-School

So, there is the challenge Joe, for you and your rocking horse cohorts – how about producing a rocking horse that **does** simulate all the things horses do, so the kids can **almost** experience real life!!

Then, Joe, you can give up your spruik at the Festival raffles about “what the Club horses don’t need or do etc”!

Both Paul Phillips and Paddy McCann had fun “road testing” the new horses. They were enthusiastically farewelled by the preschool kids and thought they were very popular but they didn’t realise the kids were glad to see them go so they got a turn on the horses!

Around the Club

Are you like me, and never enter free competitions etc because you believe you cannot win them? Well take heart and start entering, as Joyce Brown recently won \$470 worth of woodworking tools in the “The Australian Woodworker” competition with a free entry!! Good luck to you Joyce.

We had a record of over 120 people at the Christmas Dinner and a good time was had by all. Many people set up

in the workshop and club rooms as can be seen in the photo as we thought the rain would come but it held off until we had finished.



Rennie Van Aken is one of our regular contributors to the show-and-tell segment at monthly meetings and has shown some interesting items. His last effort was wood turned items and one of his more delicate turned pieces is in the photo.

How about other members showing the same enthusiasm as Rennie?



Stan Jebb did his usual excellent job as auctioneer at the December meeting and is seen convincing Peter Jordan to successfully bid on a useless useful item. Virtually everyone went away with some bargains.

A big “thank you” to all who donated articles to sell.

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

4 th February	9:30 am	12:30 noon	John Hooke	9796 9910
11 th February	9:30 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
18 th February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
25 th February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728

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	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

Wed 15th February
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wed 1st March
General Meeting at 7:30 pm

Sat-Sun 4-5th March,
Knox Festival, Kids Corner
All members are expected to participate.

Sat 11th February
WORKING BEE at the Club

Sun 13th August
"Be-In-It" Competition

Wed 4th October
AGM Meeting

Sat/Sun 21-22nd October
Stringybark Festival
All members are expected to participate.

Wed 1st November
Toy Presentation at the General Meeting.

In The Big "Woodies" World

Sat/Sun 25-26th February
Berwick Show

Sat/Sun 11-12th March
Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley 16th annual show at Shepparton.

Fri/Sun 10-12th March
The Wagga Turnabout

Sat/Sun 18-19th March
Ballarat Woodworkers Guild Wood Expo

Fri-Mon 14-17th April
Bendigo Woodturners Easter Exhibition at Bendigo

Fri-Mon 14-17th April
Men in Sheds Show, Bendigo

Fri/Sun 16-18th June
The Australian Woodturning Exhibition, Nunawading

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The Australian Woodturning Exhibition

Fri/Sun 14-16th July
Australian Scrollsaw Network Exhibition, in conjunction with the Working with Wood Show, Adelaide.

Sat/Sun 21-22nd October
Bendigo Show

6th November
Redcliffe Expo

Fri/Mon 17-20th November
Eltham Annual Exhibition

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

For Sale

75mm and 100mm steel face plates for woodturning.
\$15 & \$20 each respectively.
Refer to Frank O'Connor

That's Life!

A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow, and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day? The crow answered: "Sure, why not". So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow, and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Management Lesson: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting, very high up!

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

Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.

**THINK SAFE
WOODWORKING**