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Newsletter of the

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## Your Committee for 2006

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### Our President's March report

I would like to bring to your attention a practice which is becoming more common around our Machine shop and Workshop, which is, members who have been using machinery and/or workbenches are NOT cleaning up their own mess after themselves. They seem to expect the 'keyholder' to clean up for them at the end of the day. May I remind you that our 'keyholders' are ordinary members like yourselves, who pay their annual fees and are not paid to be 'keyholders'. They have volunteered to take on this sometimes thankless task as their way of giving extra support to the smooth running of your Club, and are not there to clean up after others. I also remind you that in Best Workshop Practice, you should leave your machine or workbench as you would expect to find it, clean and clear for the next person to use it. I thank you all in anticipation.

March looks to be another busy month around the Club. We start the month with The Knox Festival on Sat/Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March with our Annual Stall including Kids Corner, Woodturning, Wood Carving, Pyrography and Rocking Horse Raffle. We need a full turn out of volunteer members to man the stall. Every member is expected to attend to assist, on one or both days. Don't just leave it to the usual team who support all our other activities. I particularly call on all new members to come along and support us on these days. We will train you on the day, it is not difficult, so come along, meet and enjoy the camaraderie with fellow members. This is one of our Major Fundraising Opportunities and we ask your assistance to help keep our fees affordable.

I would like to thank Peter Sleeman for organising our up and coming Coach Trip to Queenscliff Woodies Club on Sat 18th March. The cost is \$17/head with lunch provided

by the Queenscliff Club and as there is only one coach it will be first in will get the seats. So if you have not already booked you had better hurry.

In discussions recently with a number of members I find that our Club is very much alive and vibrant but this does not happen on its own, it is something we have to work at. During the year we have had a substantial number of new members and we would encourage and appreciate any input you may have on where we can improve. We have been endeavouring to keep ahead of the times and are currently in negotiations with Knox City Council regarding extensions at the Club. We also have a number of groups operating in the Club, such as, the Rocking Horse Group, Kids Corner Kits Group, Woodturning Group, Wood Carving Group and various other Groups who tirelessly every week give their time and skills in preparing and making items to support the Club activities. So those of you who are not already involved at present, I ask you to ask yourselves these question "What can I do for my Club?" and not "What can my Club do for me ?" If you wish to become involved speak to me or one of the Group organisers and you will be welcomed.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you around the Club.  
Paddy Mc Cann

### 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.

Our 6 new members are:

John Hazelhurst  
George Dzioba  
Ralph Groch



## **The Knox Festival (and Kids Corner) on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> & Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Add your name to the list on the notice board to join in the fun.

We are in the same approximate area as previous years - a short distance on from the Library building.

**Your Committee**

### **An update on our discussions with the Knox Council**

Firstly, we are reviewing a Draft License Agreement with the Council for our site and expect it to be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

Secondly, the Council is favourably considering the options to allow us to extend our building premises and to allow a further appropriately-designed shed for storage.

Naturally, there is a long way to go to decide on the final options and this will depend on us eventually having detailed plans prepared over the coming months for the Council to consider. It will probably mean a realignment of the front fence and this will reduce the present parking at the front, but other parking will be provided nearby on the Knox oval grounds.

Do you have any ideas of things you would like incorporated into the planning?

Well now is your chance to mention them to the Committee for possible inclusion!

### **A continuing "thank you" to members**

The donations from members for timber taken from the Club's timber stock totalled \$109.70 for January – well done.

Please remember to check with the keyholder before bringing any timber for donation as we may already have a surplus supply of that timber, or more importantly we may have storage constraints at the time. **Your Committee**

### **Safety and Security issues around the Club**

1. You will notice the medical kit has now been repositioned to the face of the kitchen bench. Please remember to fill in the Safety Report Sheet if you incur an injury while at the Club, even if it just involves taking a band-aid.
2. The docking saw, the drill press and the buzzer had all been inappropriately adjusted recently and this is serious as they were unsafe for the next user to use. **PLEASE do not play with the adjustment of these machines (or any other machine).** If a machine is not

working correctly report it to the keyholder and fill out the incident report stating what the problem is. Just putting a "Do not use" or "Out of order" sign unfortunately means the maintenance person has to waste time determining what is wrong!

3. It is getting to the stage that some equipment adjustments appear to almost be sabotage and those few members involved should be aware of the consequences of these actions under the Club Constitution.
4. The Club computer files are now being backed up at least monthly and kept off site for security. To ensure the programs we use are not corrupted or altered, the Committee has delegated only 4 people to have normal access to the Computer – the Secretary, the Treasurer, Charles Bruckner and the Newsletter Editor. If you need access to the computer for any specific Club reason please refer to the keyholder at the time.
5. In the near future, we will adopt the procedure of keeping the office door closed and locked for security. Naturally, any member will still be able enter the office to get to the library, phone etc at any time by simply asking the keyholder for the key and then shutting the door when exiting.
6. For safety reasons we will be seeking to alter our Rules to highlight that there must be at least 2 members on **our** Woodwork premises site (not including Placemakers staff) if a member is using machinery – this will bring us in line with normal industry safety standards of people not working alone on a site where machinery is being operated.
7. Rennie Van Aken was pleased recently when Karen Button found his gold wedding ring on the workshop floor - he had been searching for it for some time. It highlights that members should consider whether it is appropriate to wear their rings while operating our Club machinery as many workshops demand that operators remove them.

### **Medical Card for your benefit**

I will continue to peruse the badges in the rack for the next few weeks to include a medical card at the back of those without one, so please leave your name tag on the Club rack. If you need a further medical card due to changing circumstances in the future, please refer to me.

Paul Lucas

### **Visit to the Queenscliff Woodworkers on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March**

A BBQ lunch will be provided.

They have invited the Colac Woodworkers members and partners so it will be a great day for everyone.

Peter Sleeman will provide further details.

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## Have you decided to include your Partners name on the Club list?

If you have, then please add it over the next few weeks. The sheet is at the entrance desk where you sign in. The option of providing this information is entirely at your discretion.

## Know of any additional Sponsors for the Newsletter?

Please advise the Committee if you know of any potential sponsor – we will accept any level of contribution. With sufficient money annually we can return to having the hard copy of the newsletter in colour.

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Cr Karin Orpen,  
the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

## Welfare

The following have been unwell since the last newsletter:  
Ray Bilton  
John Hooke  
-and we wish them a speedy recovery.

## Our member, Bill Ireland

Congratulations Bill, on being awarded the “Knox 2006 Citizen of the Year”. It again shows that we have members with many talents and interests. Here is Bill, showing great concentration, while working on a Truck for the Club Toy Appeal. He is using the truck design from the



Triton newsletter

## Around the Club



appropriately masked and with ear muffs while creating dust during the cutting of grooves with the router, even though he is out under the veranda. This photo shows a

One of our consistent volunteer helpers in the Club is Max Holt, who spearheads the constant production of chairs and other items for children with cerebral palsy. I have labelled Max, Mr ‘Jig’ Man, as he delights in thinking up jigs to make repetitive tasks easier and faster and naturally he has jigs for these items. It was pleasing to see Max



batch of chairs currently under construction. Well done Max!!

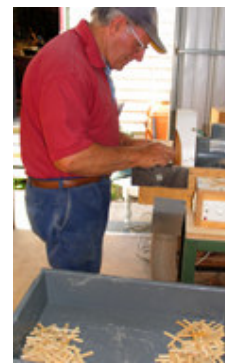
Photo by Max Holt



Tuesdays at the Club is becoming ever more popular, with ‘almost standing room only’ – well it certainly is a problem with seating for morning tea and lunch if you do not get a place at the table early!! Perhaps it is the lovely assortment of morning tea that attracts everyone.



It is certainly an active time for volunteers helping assemble ‘kid’s corner kits’ as can be seen with Sharon Sammells working on the small bandsaw and Tony



Truett working on the vertical sander, both producing masses of helicopter rotors. We hope helicopters sell well at the next

Festival!!



Laurie Ham is doing a marvellous job constructing a “Great Eastern Tram” from a series of articles in an English magazine. The finished tram is in the photo beside the model. It is a 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale model that runs on a 5 inch railway track and when the motor is fitted it will be capable of pulling 1 adult and 3 children in separate carriages.

Vincent Hughes has made at least 9 rocking horses so far, but one of the future challenges is to recondition this lovely horse from another era found (complete with dry rot) under a friends house.





## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday (the day session is for woodturning)</b>	8:30 am	- 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am	- 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner	9801 2197
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

4 <sup>th</sup> March			<b>KNOX FESTIVAL</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9758 9146
25 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
1 <sup>st</sup> April	9:30 am	12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
8 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00 am	12:00 noon	<b>WORKING BEE</b>	
<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

#### Wed 1st March

General Meeting at 7:30 pm,  
Speaker - Rennie Van Aken

#### Sat-Sun 4-5<sup>th</sup> March,

#### Knox Festival, Kids Corner

All members are expected to participate.

#### Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March

Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

#### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May

General Meeting at 7:30 pm

#### Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April

**WORKING BEE** at the Club

#### Sun 13<sup>th</sup> August

"Be-In-It" Competition

#### Wed 4<sup>th</sup> October

AGM Meeting

#### Sat/Sun 21-22<sup>nd</sup> October

#### Stringybark Festival

Kid's Corner etc.

#### Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November

Toy Presentation at the General Meeting.

### In The Big "Woodies" World

#### Sat/Sun 11-12<sup>th</sup> March

Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley Show, Shepparton.

#### Fri/Sun 10-12<sup>th</sup> March

The Wagga Turnabout

#### Sat/Sun 1-2<sup>nd</sup> April

Ballarat Woodworkers Guild Wood Expo

#### Fri-Mon 14-17<sup>th</sup> April

Bendigo Woodturners Easter Exhibition at Bendigo

#### Fri-Mon 14-17<sup>th</sup> April

Men in Sheds Show, Bendigo

#### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May

Wimmera Woodturners Guild, Wood & Craft Expo, Horsham

#### Fri/Sun 16-18<sup>th</sup> June

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition, Nunawading

#### Fri/Sun 16-18<sup>th</sup> June

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition

#### Fri/Sun 14-16<sup>th</sup> July

Australian Scrollsaw Network Exhibition, Adelaide).

#### Sat/Sun 21-22<sup>nd</sup> October

Bendigo Show

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November

Redcliffe Expo

#### Fri/Mon 17-20<sup>th</sup> 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

Woodfast lathe and accessories.

Photo on the notice board.

\$2,000. Peter Howell 9758 1297

### One of Life's Great Questions!

(submitted by Hughie Gaynor)

Why does someone believe you when you say there are 4 billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

**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**