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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Your Committee for 2006

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Our President's October report

We have come to the end of another year and at this month's Annual General Meeting all positions on Committee will be declared vacant for the Election of Officers for 2006/2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Committee Members for their enthusiasm, encouragement, time and dedication throughout the year, without your assistance I would not have been able to guide and administer the Club direction during this time. Thank you Gentlemen.

I also wish to thank all those members who during the year gave their time and labour freely when we called for volunteers. The following are some of the groups you will recognise, Maintenance(Peter Sleeman and Max Holt), Key holders (day and night every week), Kids Korner Kits Group, Knox and SpringyBark Festival teams, Rocking Horse Group, Carving Group, Wood Turning Group, Community Project Groups, Bi Monthly Working Bee groups, Raffle Ticket Sales outside Bunning's teams, and Various Sub Committees, Ladies and Gentlemen I sincerely thank you all for your support throughout the year, because without your assistance our Club would not be as vibrant and alive as it is, which is manifested by our healthy membership of over 170.

Our Annual General Meeting is a unique time of the year for all members to have an opportunity to have their say in the Club's future direction, by nominating for a position on our Committee for 2006/2007. All financial members are entitled to nominate and vote for nominees. Here is your chance to help where it can make a difference. Don't be shy- Nominate!

I thank you all for your help and encouragement throughout the year and I look forward to meeting and speaking to you around the Club.
Paddy Mc Cann.

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Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
2 Rocking Horses	Angliss Hospital	In progress
Large Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continually in progress
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Corner functions	Continually in progress
Chairs, Stools and Aids	CPEC	When required
2 Lecterns	Sandra De Geest	In planning

Outdoor setting for kids	Upwey Primary School	In planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress
Honour Board	FTG Girl Guides	Completed

The "Be-In-It" Competition Helpful comments by Cliff Walsh, one of the Judge's

The recent competition was a great showcase of the variety of members' work. The quality has been improving year by year, and this makes the task of judging harder.

Some notable pieces were entered. One was a lidded box with every corner joined differently- blind dovetails to pinned mitres! Rocking horses always present a challenge, but on close inspection the old trap of leaving sandpaper scratches managed to help the judges separate the entries. The toys were interesting. Bigger is not necessarily better - but it was in this category. The judges did what children always do - run their fingers over each item to check the degree of smoothness. The roughest were rejected, as they were in every section, and then other factors were considered.

Fellow judge, Ted Anderson, offered a piece of constructive criticism - the finish on many entries could have been improved with more attention to detail. He was correct, of course.

But just how can the finish be improved? And what are the details Ted referred to?

A lot of time can be spent finishing off an item. If you are one of the many who use polyurethane, you may know that three coats could be considered the minimum to produce a satisfactory surface, but this may mean three days of worrying about dust settling on your work. Sandpapering with, say, 240 grit between coats, only adds to the pain. But, to be realistic, the sanding is one aspect that can't be avoided. But it can be reduced to one day if you try something different.

Two coats of shellac followed by a coat of polyurethane is worth a try. To avoid brush marks, use a spray can of polyurethane. This needs to be used sparingly with a light touch to avoid runs. Both of these finishing techniques can be done in one day.

As shellac is a very good undercoat for many finishes, and it dries in minutes in a warm room, why not apply several coats, sanding between each? If you want greater durability, put on a coat of polyurethane. If brush marks are a worry wipe the polyurethane off while it is still wet (wear gloves) and leave the item overnight to dry.

Danish oil may be brushed on and wiped off, either instead of or as well as the polyurethane. And it is possible to put on three coats of spray can polyurethane in one day if you want to do without shellac.

A well-finished item will not only be more satisfying for the maker, but much more acceptable to the recipient who will value the article more.

By all means experiment with the finishes I have mentioned.

I will deal with the details Ted Anderson was thinking about in the next edition of the newsletter. Cliff Walsh

A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members, who have joined in the last month, 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 new members are: Les Wilkins
Peter Cox

The Moe Trip on Tuesday 12th September

This outing was a great success, as not only were our hosts very welcoming, but the weather was absolutely perfect.



The Moe workshop is an original building within the Moe Historical Village and still has the original floor etc. They are

open on weekends for the public to view the building and to see them at work.

Here is some of the excellent work their members had produced and were proud to discuss.

No, while they have an original building they do use modern lathes! This peddle model is in working order for



demonstrations. Joyce Brown and others tried it out for doing some wood turning.

For those watching, everyone agreed that having to peddle while holding the chisel steady would have taken considerable practise to achieve fine wood turned pieces in the years gone by.

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Christmas Spit Roast Breakup Party followed by Carols by Candlelight

It's on again this year, and promises to be as good as previous years. Don't miss it as a good time is had by all!

Mark your diary for Saturday
2nd December

Welfare

We wish those who have not been well over the last month a speedy recovery. Your Committee

Rocking Horse Raffle Days Sat 7th & Sun 8th October at Bunnings Scoresby, on Ferntree Gully Road

Have you got put your name on the white board yet? Helpers are required for each 2 hour session. A large number of people spread over the 2 days makes light work of it for everyone. Keep in mind, success in selling tickets also helps to keep our annual fees to a minimum.

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Larger projects by Club members

Many members undertake large projects that are finally constructed at home, even though particular parts of the item are worked on at the Club using Club facilities. I have decided we should recognise some of these. Have you worked on such a project?



The first one to show is the marvellous job Max Holt is putting into a scale vehicle still under construction for another Club member.

His attention to detail and the quality of his workmanship is to be congratulated



The second is one of my own projects – a cubby house for 4 of our grandchildren



It has fully lined interior walls and ceiling with insulation in the cavity. The children got great fun out of playing “shops and offices” etc on the construction site even before the building was completed.

Contact me, Paul Lucas, so I can visit wherever your finished large article is, and I will photograph it, and put it in the newsletter for all to see.

Stringybark Festival Kids Korner Sat/Sun 21-22nd October

Put your name down to come along and help.

If you are new to the Club, ask other members about what happens. They will tell you that everyone has fun at the activity and all enjoy seeing the kids (and their parents) proudly constructing a toy for themselves – with a little bit of help from you!

Many kids come back year after year to build a new toy!

One Day “Skills and Techniques” Workshop

The recent workshop was a regarded as a success by all those who attended. The old techniques using hand planes etc are not dead and this day demonstrated the quality finish you can achieve. Here are some of us watching the “expert”.



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	Ian Stewart	0431 173 689
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	Ray Norton	9763 5728
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
Thursday	9:30 am	- 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

7 th October	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9752 2970
14 th October	9:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
21 st October			STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL	
28 th October	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
4 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
11 th November	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
<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 4th October
AGM Meeting at 7:30 pm
Sat 14th October
WORKING BEE
Wed 18th October
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Sat/Sun 21-22nd October
Stringybark Festival
Kid's Corner etc.
Wed 1st November
Toy Presentation at the Meeting.
Sat 2nd December
Christmas BBQ party at the Club

In The Big "Woodies" World

Fri/Sun 20-22nd October
Melbourne Timber & Working with Wood Show, Southbank
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

Screws (packet) \$2
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2
Woodturning supplies
Pen blanks - Brigalow, Jarrah, oak, and other timbers. From \$1
Pen kits From \$3.50
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.
Bottle stopper kits, blanks and many other items
See Ian Stewart or Frank O'Connor.

Life's Great!! PONDERINGS!

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?
Two can live as cheaply as one - for half as long!

"Why did you marry your husband?" asked the neighbourhood gossip. "You don't seem to have one thing in common".
"It was the old story of opposites attracting each other", explained the wife. "I was pregnant and he wasn't"

Did you know the fear of wood is called hylephobia and the fear of wooden objects is called xylophobia?! - Courtesy of Berwick District Woodworkers

SMART WORDS!

1. Hard work never killed anybody, but why take the chance?
2. Before you judge someone, walk a mile in his shoes. After that, who cares? He's a mile away and you still have his shoes!
3. Money isn't everything, but it certainly keeps you in touch with your kids!!
4. Team work is good - it shares the blame around!

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
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