

Monthly Newsletter of the

Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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Our President's November report

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 4th October 2006 with the Election of Officers for 2006/2007. I welcome these Office Bearers and hope that they will receive your full support through what is shaping up to be another very busy year. I especially welcome Ray Norton who has been elected to Committee for the first time and hope that he will enjoy the challenge. I would like to say a very big thank you to Doug Dell, who stepped down this year after six years on committee, in a number of key positions, especially his 4 years as Treasurer. I have appreciated Doug's support and assistance during my time as President and thank him on your behalf for his dedication. Doug will still be assisting me by staying as Key Registrar which he has been doing for sometime. Thank You Doug.

Our congratulations go to Gerry Daelmans who was awarded the "Bill Gillingham" Award for outstanding contribution to the Club during the year. In Gerry's absence Mrs Jean Gillingham presented the Award to Willy Schlaf who accepted on Gerry's behalf. I would like to thank Jean for doing us the honour of presenting this prestigious Award, in her Husband's Name, again this year. Thank You Jean and we look forward to having you back next year.

Our thanks to Cr. Karin Orpen for her time and expertise in officiating and conducting The Election of Officers. Thank You Karin, we know how busy your schedule must be and we appreciate your making yourself available for our Annual General Meeting and for all the other ways in which you support our Club.

Our thanks also to Gary Pope and Alchester Financial Services for the auditing and preparation of our Audited Financial Accounts for 2005/2006, and for accepting Nomination as Auditor for 2006/2007. Gary also maintains our internet website. Thank You Gary.

Last weekend Saturday, 21st and Sunday 22nd October we had a very busy and successful Stringybark Festival. Thanks to the 31 members on Saturday, and 25 on Sunday, we raised approx. \$3600. The rain and the cold day on Sat. made a slow start to the weekend, but the sun came out and brought the customers on Sunday, which put a heavier burden on those members manning the Kids Korner Stall and the Raffle Ticket sales. Due to illness I had to leave about 2pm on Sunday and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who pitched in to look after things when I had to leave suddenly. Thank you everyone. My special thanks to Nancy Stephens for her support with the Kids Korner Sales on both days, Nancy your support is as always very much appreciated. Thank You Nancy.

We have a busy month ahead with the Presentation of our Toys for Disadvantaged Kids at the November Meeting and our presentation to the Angliss Hospital.

We have our Kids Korner Stall at the Friends of Ferntree Gully Fair on Saturday 18th November.

Then we have our Break Up and Carols by Candlelight Function on Sat. 2nd December at the Club. The cost will be the same as last year, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. We will have a Spit Roast Dinner and Sweets

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being served at 6 to 6.30pm .I suggest that you book early as last year we had 125 members, families and friends enjoy the evening. Don't forget to bring your own table chairs and drinks. Hope to see everyone there, come along and enjoy a relaxing evening with good food and good company.

I look forward to seeing and speaking with 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	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	In progress
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	In progress
Clock	Knox Festival Raffle 2007	In progress
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	Various Kid's Korner functions	Continually in progress
Chairs, Stools and Aids	CPEC	When required
6 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 – part two

The Competition is a very good showcase of member's abilities and all the judges were impressed with the range of talent and capabilities we saw.

Ted Anderson, at the awards presentation, referred to a need to give more attention to detail, and he was right. But just what are these details? The most obvious is the finish, covered last month. But before we apply a finish, there are other very important aspects to attend to:

Design. This must be decided on before anything is commenced. Sometimes the project contemplated is designed by others, sometimes we plan it ourselves. Be careful if changes to an existing design are contemplated, because changes can make the finished article top heavy,



too heavy or just odd. Most times though, the article will be improved.

Weight. This dimension can be overlooked. Rocking horses for instance, may be better if they are heavy. A child's toy may not be useable if heavy. The box a person has worked on carefully for a long time may become unacceptable if it has a weight problem. So the choice of material, the thickness of that material and the overall size all go together to make the completed item. If it is likely to be too heavy - make the pieces thinner and/or use lighter materials.

Suitability for purpose. Rocking horses need to be strong enough to cope with energetic children, and of a size to suit the intended age group.

Lidded boxes should have lids that are easy to open, not so deep that fingers can't reach the bottom, and large enough so the intended contents don't jam, e.g. a box for photos should be larger than the photos so they can be easily removed.

Use abrasive paper thoughtfully. Don't round over features that would be better if left sharp. Flat areas that are sanded without a sanding block can become ridged. Similarly, curves need to be carefully shaped so the intended line is maintained.

What do judges look at first? The overall appearance. Second? The bottom. Most entrants neglect the bottom, and so the judges can cut down on the judging time by eliminating quickly most entries. Make the bottoms of your entries smooth and scratch free and then they will still be in the running after that second part of the inspection.

Cliff Walsh

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 new members are: Terry Phillips
John Kilby
Luke Visser
Jack Reed

REMEMBER, THERE ARE 2 WORKING BEES BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR

Beside the normal scheduled working bee on Saturday 9th December, another has been scheduled on Saturday 25th November to clean and tidy up in preparation for the End of Year Party.

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End of Year Spit Roast Breakup Party **followed by the Knox Carols by Candlelight on the adjoining oval**

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

**BYO drinks and table and chairs
Cost is only \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12 years.**

Arrive from 5 pm for dinner around 6 pm

Welfare

We wish the following members a continuing speedy recovery from their illnesses and ailments:

- Peter Sleeman
- Paul Philips
- Paul Aminde
- Jerry Daelmans

Your Committee

Larger projects by Club members

We have a good start to this segment as Tony Truett is very proud of the grandfather clock he made for his wife, Pat. I was amazed at not only the quality of woodworkmanship he had put into the project but the standard of finish he had achieved.

As Cliff and Ted pointed out in the article earlier in this issue, it is important to pay attention to both these aspects when making such a large item where people can get up close and see poor finish from any angle.



Tony can be rightly proud of this clock and Pat is thrilled with the result. It is in mahogany timber and has bevelled glass and a top quality clock mechanism to suit. Have you a large project to boast about? Contact me, Paul Lucas, so I can photograph it, and put it in the newsletter for all to see.

A successful Stringybark Festival

Well, as usual everyone who participated enjoyed themselves while giving kids (and many Mums and Dads) a thrill helping make a toy. It was also a chance to show adults what we do at the Club in carving and woodturning etc.

I think this 'little tacker' was the youngest child we had making a toy. The fact that this construction did not need any nails was totally irrelevant to him. You could see woodworking will be a hobby for



him later in life as all he wanted to do was use the hammer. Peter Horsburgh was wisely keeping his finger well away from the hammering, but I suspect the boy's father was pointing and quietly saying "No son, the nail to hit is further over at the back of the truck" I'm sure the boy would have loved to hit and hammer Peter's finger "nail".

The "Bill Gillingham award to the Club member of the Year"

This year the award was justifiably awarded to Gerry Daelmans. Unfortunately, Gerry was not able to accept the award personally at the last meeting from Bill's wife Jean Gillingham. Gerry had suffered an "accident" that most of us thought was rather unusual – something about climbing on, and falling off, a bedside table! There was much conjecture at the meeting as to how and why it happened, but all joking aside he only suffered extensive bruising – and I suspect a bruised pride in letting it happen at all!! The photo shows

his compatriot in carving, Willy Schlaf, accepting the award on his behalf from Jean Gillingham and her daughter Sandra.



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

4 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
11 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
18 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9752 2970
25 th November	9:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
2 nd December	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
9 th December	9:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	

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

Wednesday 1st November
Toy Presentation at the General Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Saturday 18th November
"Friends of Ferntree Gully Fair
"Kids Korner" 9am -3 pm

Wednesday 22nd November
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Saturday 25th November
Additional scheduled Working Bee at the Club (in preparation for the Christmas party)

Saturday 2nd December
End of Year Spit Roast party
At the Club followed by Carols by Candlelight on the oval.

Wednesday 6th December
Final General meeting for the year at 7:30 pm

Saturday 9th December
Normal scheduled Working Bee at the Club

Friday 15th December
Club closes for the Season break.

Monday 15th January 2007
Club reopens that morning for the New Year.

Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th March
Knox Festival with "Kids Korner"

November 2006

In The Big "Woodies" World

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!!

I was married 25 years. I took a look at my wife one day and said "Honey, 25 years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on the sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV,

but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25 year old blonde. Now, we have a nice house, nice car, big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 50 year old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to "Go out and find a hot 25 year old blonde and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, and sleeping on a sofa bed". Aren't older women Great! They really know how to solve your mid-life crises.....

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**