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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President's February report

The start of a New Year 2007 and the first month already gone. I would like to take this opportunity to wish members and their families a Healthy and Safe New Year. It looks like we are in for a busy year again.

Our first major activity for 2007 will be the Knox Festival on Sat. 3rd and Sun. 4th March. As this is one of our two Major Fund Raising Activities, with "Kid's Korner", our Rocking Horse Raffle and Club Demonstrations we are calling on all members i.e. recently joined and longer term members for their attendance and help on one or both days. The members who have been previously involved will know what is required on the day, but for those more recently joined members we will show you how we operate our stall and teach you on the day. Your attendance is expected and will be much appreciated. The money raised will assist in our Building Fund and in keeping our fees down. Please put your name on the Whiteboard at the Club.

Your February Newsletter will be accompanied with a book of 10 Raffle tickets @ \$1 each. Each member is asked to sell at least one book of tickets. We will also be asking for volunteers to sell tickets outside 'Bunning's' Scoresby on Sat 17th and Sun 18th February. Volunteers will be asked to cover a 2 hour timeslot between 8am and 4pm on one or other day. The more volunteers the lighter the load. Please put your name on the Whiteboard list at the Club.

A Coach Trip has been organised for Sat. 24th March, leaving the Club about 8am, going to Drysdale, with a visit to 'Carrolls' who supply a large range of Woodworking Accessories which are not readily available in Melbourne.

The cost of the trip is \$18 per head which will include Morning Tea and a BBQ Lunch. We will have One Coach only (i.e. 45 seats) available, so as usual it will be 1st come 1st served. Please put your name on the Whiteboard list.

To keep you informed regarding our planned Clubroom Extension. The current situation is as follows:-

- (A) Completed Drawings and Estimate have been received from the Building Designer (Design 20).
- (B) Drawings have been lodged with K.C.C. Building Dept. for a Building Permit.
- (C) The 1st Estimate for the Building is \$100,000.
- (D) Extension Sub Committee meetings have been held to discuss our next steps in the process
- (E) We are currently looking at all avenues available to raise the Funds necessary for our Project. We are also looking for assistance from any members with any expertise in Fund Raising or suggested avenues to pursue.

We are a little further down the track but still have quite a distance to travel. We will keep you informed as we progress.

Thank you, in anticipation of your support and I look forward to seeing and speaking to you around the club.

Paddy Mc Cann
President.

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Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
2 Rocking Horses	Angliss Hospital	Completed
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
10 Possum Boxes	FTG Girl Guides	In progress
Outdoor setting for kids	Upwey Primary School	In planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In progress

The Knox Festival (and Kids Korner) on Sat 3rd & Sun 4th March

This Festival, with Kids Korner, 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.

Your Committee

Our members' Welfare

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

- Robert Merrylees
- Paul Philips
- Paul Aminde
- Bill Longden

Your Committee

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: Eddie Dix
Alan Green
Adrian Doyle
Frank Johnson
John Jackson
Robert Gaze
Michael Samai
Lou Horgen
John Thomas

**REMEMBER, THE WORKING
BEE
SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY**

A gentle reminder about Cleanliness in the Workshops

With more people using the workshops during any given session time we remind everyone that it is important to remember the courtesy of immediately cleaning up after you finish using any piece of machinery or bench etc so it is ready for the next member. Don't leave it unclean just because another person is going to use it, as the workshop just gets progressively more untidy (and perhaps less safe) during the session and the last person to use the unit has a more onerous task to clean it up!!

Thanks to you all in anticipation.

Your Committee

Trip to Carrolls of Drysdale 24 March 2007

Put your name on the notice board because as usual it is seating availability in order of applying. Peter Sleeman has organised another great coach trip for 2007. This time there will be more time to view the woodwork and woodturning supplies available at Carrolls.

As Paddy mentioned, morning tea and a BBQ lunch is all included in the very reasonable cost of \$18 per person. More details and timing will be announced later. Get your name down!

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Improvements to the Club

Ian Stewart and Frank O'Connor are giving their time in insulating the woodturning room as it gets unacceptably hot in the Summer months for the turners.

It also has a triple function, in using some of the excess chipboard sheets that we have at the Club and making the room look more like a proper lined room!!

I know all the turners thank them both for their efforts. Here is Ian hard at work.



Larger projects by Club members

Have you a large project you want other members to see?



Contact me, Paul Lucas, so I can photograph it, (or you can provide a photo file) and I'll put it in the newsletter. My contact details are on the front page. This month Bill Ireland has provided a picture of an outdoor Adirondack lounge chair he has finished to perfection.

Well done Bill.

The December meeting Auction

The pre-meeting sausage sizzle was appreciated by all who attended. What a great success the actual auction was with \$467 being raised from the junk treasures that members



bought under the guidance of our able auctioneer, President Paddy Mc Cann and money counter, Ian Stewart.

Ron Ralph is giving the thumbs-up after successfully bidding for - who-knows-what-in-a-box?

However, everyone joined in the spirit of the evening and supported the Club by purchasing most of the items.



Sharon Sammels purchased a drill bit sharpener in the frenzy of bidding, and apparently not knowing what she would do with it,

immediately donated it to the Club.

Mike Peele successfully bid for the coat hanger at some exorbitant price – but again, we know he did it in the spirit of helping Club funds. Thanks to these 2 and to all the others who participated by purchasing items on the night.

A thank you

Robert Gaze, one of our newest members, kindly donated a Combination machine to the Club and investigation is underway to see how it can be refurbished.

The Rocking Horse Ramblings

This group certainly know how to entertain themselves as



evidenced by their sumptuous end-of-year breakup party at the Club. It looks like it is worth joining them and making a

rocking horse (or perhaps help make a Club horse) just to be invited to the function at the end of 2007.

Around the Club

Bill Orpen is discussing with Paddy Mc Cann the type of hinging he will install on the glove box door of the wooden dash panel he is constructing for a friend's Ford vintage car.



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

3rd February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
10 th February	8:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
17 th February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
24 th February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
3 rd March			KNOX FESTIVAL - KIDS KORNER	
10 th March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Dowds	9762 3323

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 February
General meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday 10th February
Normal scheduled Working Bee at the Club
Wednesday 15th February
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Sat/Sun 17th/18th February
Bunnings Scoresby Rocking Horse Raffle Days
Wednesday 7th March
The General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th March
Knox Festival with "Kids Korner"

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!!

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car pattering along at 22 kph. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seats and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit!

What seems to be the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Twenty-two kilometres an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't made a peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Highway 189."

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**