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Monthly Newsletter of the

Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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Your Committee for 2006/7

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Our President's May report

As we move into the month of May, I wish to remind everyone about our Annual 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day which will be held this year on Sunday 19th August 2007. The Competition is open to all members. The only restriction being that all items entered must have been made within the current year i.e. August 2006 till August 2007. Members may enter as many items in as many categories as they wish. The Competition and Open Day is our one organised opportunity each year that the Club has to show to Members, Families and Friends the finished work items, diverse skills and talents of our Members. Each Member is expected to enter at least one item into the Competition. It does not matter if you are a new member, novice or older craftsman, everyone is asked to enter. If you do not have your entries ready yet, you still have 3 months to complete yours. I ask you all to enter into the spirit of the Day and 'Be In It'. Further details will be forthcoming closer to the Day, 19th August 2007.

Another reminder I would like to make is about our 'Annual Toy Appeal for Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas'. Again it is expected that each Member make at least one wooden toy by the end of October, so that we may be able to present them to our chosen charities and that they can distribute the toys to the Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas. The reason for the early reminder is because our toys count to date stands at 6 only. Last year we donated 400 toys, so we have a long way to go to at least meet and hopefully beat last years total. You have 6 months left to complete your donations. So lets all do it for the Kids.

During April we had two Kids Korner Workshops, first at Knox Library on the 11th with 18 kids and secondly at Croydon Library on the 12th with 24 kids. My thanks to those Members who assisted on these days, raising \$210.

Our Building Extensions are still bogged down waiting for Planning and Building Permits. We have posted the necessary 'Notice of Application for Permit' sign on the perimeter fence for the required 14 days and returned the Sign and Statutory Declaration to Council but it is still a waiting game. We are still open for assistance regarding any avenues for Grants which will be essential to our Extension Plans. So if you think you can assist please contact me or other members of the Committee.

I look forward to seeing and speaking with you around the Club in the near future.
Paddy Mc Cann

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the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Large Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival	In Progress

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Clock	Stringybark Festival	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	Kid's Korner functions	Continually in Progress
Chairs, Stools and Aids	CPEC	When Required
Outdoor Setting for Kids	Upwey Primary School	In Planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress
10 Chairs	CPEC	In Progress
10 Adjustable Stools	CPEC	In Progress (4 supplied)

Our Members' Welfare

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

- Peter Sleeman
- Joe Semenow
Robert Gaze

Our thoughts go to all other members not feeling their best but who wish to have their privacy respected:

Your Committee

Want to receive your monthly newsletter in Colour?

Then send me your email address to plucas@goconnect.net
I do not distribute your email address to anyone else and all my emails are scanned for viruses. Paul Lucas – Editor

Larger projects by Club members

Have you got a large home project to "show and tell" to other members? Contact me so I can put it in your newsletter.

Paul Lucas

Turners Talk



Frank Johnson is intent on putting the final sanding touches on a pine turning he is working on.

Peter Cox is proud of the fine piece of red gum he acquired and is now trimming up on the band saw prior to turning it into a bowl. Join the friendly turning group on Monday mornings

under the guidance of John Emptage.



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The unfortunate passing of Rennie Van Aken

We will all miss Rennie's frequent "show and tell" sessions at the Club monthly meetings to demonstrate what members can achieve. He passed away on 24th April. Also he was always willing to give helpful advice to anyone having difficulty with a project or he could see a more appropriate way for them to get a better result. He was the kind of member who joined in and was friendly and pleasant to everyone.
We offer our condolences to his wife, Wilma, and family.

Want to learn how to make a Rocking Horse?

Unlike Father Christmas, who seems to have an unending supply of new elf helpers, Joe Semenow and his long term dedicated band of "horse makers" are in dire need of new helpers. They have been making Club horses for the 2 festivals and for charities for a number of years and some of his helpers need a well earned rest.

Many members start by helping on Friday nights on the Club horses to learn the techniques while beginning their own horse.

Why not volunteer and come on Friday nights?

Around the Club



John Jackson is doing a good job cleaning up and sweeping the area after he has finished. Brian Douds is also busy cleaning up in the turning

room as turning creates a large amount of shavings and dust. Please don't leave it to "others" to keep the workshop clean and tidy. A clean workshop is also safer to work in and less dust means less likelihood of health problems for all of us.

Jim Lobley is giving his full concentration to



carefully plotting out the lettering for a sign he is working on. We all know that it is important to get the letter spacing correct to make the sign "look

right".



"Whisky" is 13 years old and indicated that Charles Mann belonged to him and not the other way around. He felt quite at home at the Club and in the photo was

either asking for a woodwork project he could work on, or

was asking to be fed!! – I'm not sure which! Actually, after checking, I found he wasn't a paid up member so he couldn't work on a project at the Club.

Carvers Corner



Ask any carver and they will tell you there are few more relaxing activities than sitting down quietly and creating something by carving. Laurie Ham is creating miniature Leprechauns from Jelutong timber. He considers this timber to be excellent for

carving due to its softness and fine grain.

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter
as a Community Service**

Fascinating projects in wood!



Julie O'Connor (Frank's wife) submitted this wooden car photo as one of a group of articles an incredible woodworker has made – I will show others over time.

**Interested in being our Treasurer for
2008?**

Ask Frank O'Connor any questions about the role and functions.

Weekday Workshop Hours and the Keyholder

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 Hours and Events and the Key Holder

5 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
12 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
19 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9796 9910
26 th May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
2 nd June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
<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	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
			Festival Kit development	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
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

What's On, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 2nd May
General Meeting at 7:30 pm.
Wednesday 23rd May
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm
Wednesday 6th June
General meeting at 7:30 pm.
Saturday 9th June
WORKING BEE
Sunday 19th August
The Club "Be In It" Competition.

In the Woodies World

15-17th June Woodturning Exhibition at Whitehorse Centre
397 Whitehorse Rd Nunawading.

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps \$12
Club polo shirts \$22
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.
Many other items. See Ian Stewart or Frank O'Connor.

Life's Great!!

Men Are Just Happier People!!

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park. Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another petrol station restroom because this one is just too "icky". You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress-\$2000. Tuxedo rental-\$200. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of

thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$9.95 for a three-pack. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. Your belly usually hides your big hips. One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

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