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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, Paddy Mc Cann's, October report

As we come to the end of another year and our Annual General Meeting is imminent I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Executive Committee for their dedication and support throughout the past year. We have had a very busy year with our efforts in obtaining Planning and Building Permits for planned necessary Building Extensions and our Application for a Regional Partnership Grant of \$65,700 to enable us to complete our project.

I would remind all members that we require your contributions of toys for our Toys for Disadvantaged Children by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, so that we can prepare for their presentation to The Mayor of Knox Christmas Toy Appeal and The St Vincent De Paul Society at our November Meeting on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> November.

We have arranged our End of Year Function to coincide with The Carols By Candlelight on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm. Details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks but let me officially invite everyone to mark this date in their dairies and come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with good food and good company.

A decision has been made that the Club will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and reopen on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

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

PS I will give a more complete annual report at the AGM meeting.

### Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Large Turned Bowl	Stringybark Festival	Completed
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival	Completed
Clock	Stringybark Festival	Completed
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner functions	Continuous
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required
Outdoor Setting for Kids	Upwey Primary School	In Planning
Playground Equipment	UFTG Primary School	In Progress
Adjustable Stools	CPEC	Progressing

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

## Have you paid your 2008 Annual fee?

What a great bargain at \$55 per year considering all the tools you have access to – as well as the fellowship of other members and the coffee breaks etc!

Besides you can't vote at the AGM unless you are financial.

## Our Members' Welfare

Our members Peter Sleeman, Joe Semenow, Doug Dell, Fred Moore, Ray Norton, Bill Longdon, Charles Bruckner and Paul and Pat Phillips all have our wishes in recovering speedily. Your Committee

## Larger projects by Club members

Here's another project that could not have been made at the Club!

Peter Horsburgh constructed this cubby house for his granddaughter, Abbey, out of recycled wooden pallets to keep the cost down.



Photo supplied by Peter Horsburgh

It is constructed on a bed of 3 pallets and even the roof is wood.

While the wood was cheap the total cost was way over budget (sounds like the Government doesn't it!) as he installed a lead-light window in the roof on each side and fitted an armour plate glass panel 100cm x 150cm in the rear wall to give light and a view. The whole exterior was coated in marine varnish to protect the timber.

The floor is tiles and there is a fluorescent dado around the interior walls.

But the real expense was in the \$100's to have the completed house transported to their house as he built it under his own carport instead of building it in-situ at their house!!

Come on!! – keep the large projects coming so you can show off your handiwork. Contact me, and I can include an article on them in the newsletter for all other members to see.

## Around the Club

A new jig for sharpening wood turning gouges, roughing



gouges and skew chisels etc has been purchased and John Emptage has been learning the subtleties of using it. He is now at the stage of teaching other members how to

successfully get the best profile on their chisels.

Here he is casting a watchful eye while Peter Jordan sharpens one of his chisels.

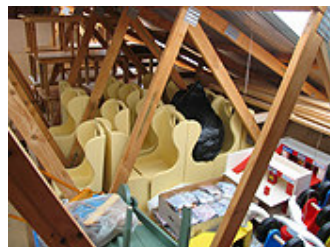
See John to learn, so all the chisels in the Club that you use and your own personal chisels are correctly sharpened.

## Progress on our childrens toys for charities at Christmas

Our toy count is currently 256 toys.



Have you been up in the roof space since we installed the ceiling drop-down ladder – because this is where we now store the completed



toys as can be seen in the 3 photographs.



These rocking cradle cots are awaiting bedding and colourful stencilling on the sides etc to make them very attractive and fun for young girls to play with.

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the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

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## Clarifying the revised No-Smoking policy within the Club

With the recent discovery of a cigarette butt under the steps into the Club it has highlighted just how vulnerable our Club rooms are to the danger of fire – particularly as the majority of the building is constructed of timber and the place is full of timber!!

**The committee has decided to implement, as of immediately, a rule that there is to be no smoking on the entire site.**

**Anyone now wishing to smoke can do so outside the Club gate in the car park.**

This may seem an extreme measure but as some people have graphically said “If a fire ever burnt down our premises then there would be many homeless seniors!!”

Your Committee

**Are you remembering to make a reasonable donation in the honesty box when you use materials from the stockpile at the Club?**

## Gradual Changes at the Club site

If you have not been around the Club site for a while you will notice the beginning of the hopeful expansion changes that we have been planning for over a year.



As you can see, the front fence has been re-aligned toward the road to allow for the proposed Club building extension. At present it can be used for car parking but when the new extension is in place members will be shown where to park in the adjoining Knox oval grounds.



Part of the reason for the extension is to provide additional storage space for the materials we have spread all around the Club as just partly evidenced by the 2 photos. It will



tidy up the Club surroundings and make it more attractive, make it a safer working place and make it easier to keep clean.



## Stringybark Festival Saturday/Sunday 20/21<sup>st</sup> October

Have you put your name on the notice board to attend?

This is one of our big fund raisers and helps minimise your annual fees – and you have fun at the same time interacting with the kids – many of whom come back year after year.

## Home Made WD-40.

This recipe was in an unknown newsletter from “Ralph N”.

200g Petroleum Jelly.

200g Standard Motor Oil.

Melt both together on a Low heat - Stir regular.

Add this mixture to 4litres of Turps.

This mixture is good for:-

Rust Removal.

Water – proofing on all metals.

Salt water repellent.

## Working Bee Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Please come along and help as there are several tasks to do that were not done last time due to a lack of support.

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**Fern Tree Gully**  
**Community Bank® branch and**  
**Rowville branch of Bendigo Bank**

## Weekday Workshop Hours and the Keyholder

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

## Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

6 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>			<b>WORKING BEE</b>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>			<b>STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
<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
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

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

### **Our Club Activities**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

AGM at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**WORKING BEE**

**Sat/Sun 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> October**

**STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

General meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Year End BBQ Party at the Club

**Closed for New Year Break**

From Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Reopening Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

### **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.

### **Life's Great!!**

Being Australian is about driving in a German car to an

Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then traveling home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV.

Oh, and..... **Only in Australia**

can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

**Only in Australia** ... do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

**Only in Australia** ... do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a DIET coke.

**Only in Australia** ... do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

**Only in Australia** ... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars on the drive and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

**Only in Australia** ... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

**Only in Australia** ... are there disabled parking places in front of a skating rink.

**NOT TO MENTION**

142 Aussies were injured in 1999 by not removing all pins from new shirts.

58 Aussies are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

31 Aussies have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.

A massive 543 Aussies were admitted to Emergency in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth !!

And finally.... In year 2000 eight Aussies cracked their skull whilst throwing up into the toilet.

**OH! WE'RE PROUD TO BE AUSTRALIAN**

**Wear adequate protection when using Club equipment.**

**Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it.**

**THINK SAFE WOODWORKING**