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Monthly Newsletter of the

*Knox & District  
Woodworkers Club*



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## Your Committee for 2007/8

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### Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, April report

Unfortunately, Paddy has been struck down by "a dreaded lurgie" and not only missed the March committee meeting but has been unable to produce his normal report. So if you want to know what is happening around the Club then come to the April monthly general meeting. With luck Paddy will be much improved by then.

He is adamant what he has, is not catching!!

So I will sign off this section with Paddy's regular sign-off: "I look forward to meeting and speaking to you around the Club. Paddy Mc Cann"

### Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

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

### Don't forget to use the "Suggestion Box"

It is located near the sign-in book. Please make use of it for any suggestions that will help the Club and/or members.

### A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members, who have joined over the last few months, 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 and get to know other members by name. All the new badges are in the rack.

Our new members are: Barry Newnham  
Ana Demarco  
Horacio Demarco  
Peter Goodall  
David Yole  
Jenny Stevens  
Bob Plant  
George Knight  
George Dzioba  
Bruce Hayward  
Trevor Nash  
Jim Spanswick

It is great to see the continuing healthy membership growth.

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

## A Safety issue

New shelving will be installed to allow safer storage of timber currently in the wood turning room. The new rack will be kept to a low height for safety. It is important that members ensure timber is kept neatly, and safely, restacked when they remove timber from any piles in the storage areas.

## Guest Speakers for the next few Monthly Meetings

Thanks to Eric Butterfield, the following speakers have been arranged:

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Patrick Evans from Maton Guitars, talking on their timber issues and how they overcome them. Have you any questions on making musical instruments?

### **May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Paul Lucas, talking about the incredible and extraordinary woodwork done by “The World’s Master Carver” with photos and slides etc. - together with details of his fascinating life.

The Smithsonian gave Ernest Walther the unique title of “a priceless American treasure”.

### **June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Don Horsburgh from the Puffing Billy Speakers Group, talking on the history of Puffing Billy, together with a DVD/Video.

### **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Ted Bricker, talking on the history of Burls and making furniture with them.

### **August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Phil Lennox, talking on wood screws with some interesting information on their use and application.

## The Shepparton Coach trip in March

What a great day for the trip – the weather was fine and we had no mishaps. We were only 1 person short of having a full coach which was excellent as it justified the organising of the trip and showed the trip was what our members wanted.

With the full coach and the generosity of the Shepparton Show organisers in giving a “coach entry discount” we surprised everyone by paying their entry to the Show. This really made it a good deal for the day trip.

Even though Sergio Meilak could not attend the trip he generously donated 8 kilos of lollies that were appreciated by everyone on the bus. I was sick of lollies by the time I split them into 53 individual bags the night before while trying to ensure everyone got an almost equal number to the various types of lollies!! I threatened to throw off the coach the first person to complain that he missed out on a “green smartie or whatever”!!

Bill Ireland and John O’Rorke don’t know how close they came to it, until I realised they were just joking!!

As usual, the variety and quality of stands was excellent and the price of the finished wood-turned and other wooden articles was almost embarrassingly low. Seeing the sale

articles so cheap meant you only make the same things for your personal enjoyment as it would have been cheaper to buy them there if you just wanted the item!



Sorry Joe, Bruce and all you other Friday night rocking horse makers - but Robin Sharp, shown in the picture above only believes in “totally hand shaping” rocking horses with chisels and hand sanding etc.

That means absolutely no machine tools such as sanders etc may be used in the final shaping of the horse. It obviously takes him much longer to complete a horse but this does not bother him.

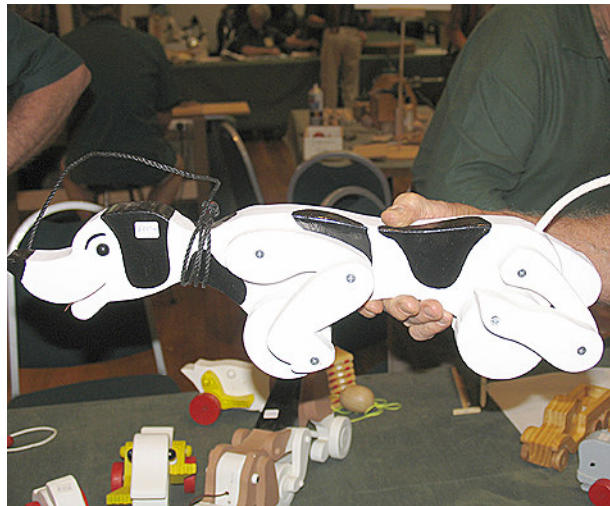
He has promised to send me a photo of the above horse when it is finished so we can all judge how his horse comes up.



Ted Bricker and others were enthralled by the variety of simple toys on display and for sale by some clubs. Ted even bought a range of them as models for him and others to copy.

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Some toys never go out of fashion as I remember having a “spot” dog almost the same as this when I was a child, and I repainted it several years ago for my grandchildren to play with.



This is just a small portion of the Show and it must have been very successful as usual based on the number of people there, as you can see in the photo. After seeing the Show many walked the town or just enjoyed the art show outside in the park and admired the



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range of cow displays dotted around with their very colourful murals on them like this one.

Paul Lucas

## Our Members' Welfare

We know the following members Paddy Mc Cann, Doug Dell, Ray Norton, Karen Button, Fred Moore, and Geoff Wheeler are suffering from various stages of illnesses and all have our wishes in recovering speedily. We also wish any others we do not know about, a full recovery.

## Working Bee

Our next planned Working Bee is on  
**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8am**

Please mark this date in your diary as we will need as many volunteers as possible. Don't leave all the work to the usual few members.  
Many hands make light work.

## The March General Meeting

Our new guest speaker organiser is Eric Butterfield and he has started off well with a range of speakers for the next few months that are mentioned earlier in the newsletter.

How about coming to more of the monthly meetings and supporting his efforts and making it worthwhile for the speakers to devote their time and talents to preparing presentations for you.



Total Tools gave an interesting and informative talk on some of the specialty tools they sell and this was enjoyed by all members. They are seen here having a lively interchange during the presentation.

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## Weekly 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  | Laurie Ham                    | 9720 1995              |
| 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              |
|   |         |            |                               |                        |
| Thursday                                    | 9:30 am | - 3:00 pm  | Charles Bruckner<br>Doug Dell | 9801 2197<br>9729 1886 |
|   | 6:30 pm | - 9:30 pm  | Bruce Allen                   | 9754 5774              |

## Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

|                        |         |            |                    |              |
|------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | 9:30 am | 12:30 pm   | Alistair Green     | 9754 2727    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | 8:00 am | 12:00 noon | <b>WORKING BEE</b> |              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | 9:30 am | 12:30 pm   | Ray Norton         | 9763 5728    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> April | 9:30 am | 12:30 pm   | Brian Douds        | 9762 3323    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May    | 9:30 am | 12:30 pm   | Ladislav Toman     | 0410 405 227 |

*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<br>Festival Kit development | Willy Schlaf 9762 2206<br>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 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Monthly General Meeting  
at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**WORKING BEE**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Monthly General Meeting  
at 7:30 pm.

### In the Woodies World

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April Ballarat**  
**Woodworkers Guild Expo** at  
Wendourie

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May Albury-Wodonga**  
**Woodcrafting Show**

**24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October Melbourne**  
**Timber & Working with Wood**  
**Show** at the Melbourne  
Showgrounds

### 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

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Pen kits From \$4  
Mandrel \$20 #1 & #2  
Turning blocks \$4 per kg.

### A practical Father?

An 18 year old Italian girl tells her very traditional Italian Mom that she has missed her period for 2 months. Very worried, the mother goes to the chemist and buys a pregnancy kit and the test result shows that the girl is pregnant.

Shouting, cursing, crying, the mother and father say, "who was the pig that did this to you? We want to know!"

The girl picks up the phone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stops in front of their house. A mature, distinguished man with grey hair and impeccably dressed in an Armani suit steps out of the Ferrari and enters the house. He sits in the living room with the father, mother, and the girl and tells them:

"Good morning, your daughter has informed me of the problem. I can't marry her because of my personal family situation but I'll

take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life.

Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, 2 retail stores, a townhouse, a beachfront villa, and a \$2,000,000 bank account. If a boy is born, my legacy will be a couple of factories and a \$4,000,000 bank account.

If twins, they will receive a factory and \$2,000,000 each.

However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest I do?"

At this point, the father, who had remained silent, places a hand firmly on the man's shoulder and tells him, "You gonna to try again."

**Wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, face protection and dust mask at the Club. Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it. THINK SAFE WOODWORKING**