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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,

#### July report

#### **We finally achieved it!!!!**

It is with much pleasure that I report to you that we have been successful in obtaining a much needed Grant for our Planned Building Extensions

**Our very sincere thanks and gratitude to Knox City Council for their Grant of \$ 83,297, following a submission and subsequent presentation at the Council Budget Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

My thanks to Hughie Gaynor, Eric Butterfield and John Jackson for their input into our submission and at our presentation to Council.

I suppose the first question on everybody's mind will be, "When will we start?" Well, the situation is that we ourselves have quite a lot of preparations to perform to clear the way for the Builders to start and this we will need to start very soon. We will be calling for volunteers to physically assist with the clearing and relocating of timber stored under the present building plus many other tasks. Hopefully we will have more details of work to be done at our Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We have already spoken to our Builder who is negotiating with Contractors for updated quotes and when they would be able to start. We will keep you informed on our progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members about our "Be In It" Competition and Open Day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, which is only 6 weeks away. I hope that you are well underway with your entries for the Competition.

All the details for the day are in last month's Newsletter and on the notice board. I ask you all to please enter into the spirit of the day and help us to make this a memorable day for members, their families and visitors.

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

Paddy Mc Cann



### **Watch this space!!!**

Above is a photo of the existing Club building site. As construction eventually progresses I will insert a new photo each month showing the major stages of construction.

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

## 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
Trolley for splints	Angliss Rehabilitation Centre	In planning
Solitaire boards	Angliss Rehabilitation Centre	In progress
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

### A warm welcome to our New Member

Help our new member get as much enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making him feel part of the Club family. Wear your name badge so he gets to know other members by name and quickly settle in.

Our new member is: Ted Gillbee

Your new badge is in the Club badge rack.

Fill in the "medical record card" if you feel it may be of assistance in an emergency.

Replacement plastic badge holders are available if your current one is showing signs of wear and tear.

### Guest Speakers for the coming Monthly Meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:

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

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

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Karl Lutz, talking on veneering using a small vacuum press.

### Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations in July to the following 5 members. We hope you have a great day and a successful year ahead:

Christine Smith on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Charles Mann on the 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Alan Donner on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Gordon Logan on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Valerio Rech on the 28<sup>th</sup>

### Our Members' Welfare

We know the following members and partners are unwell and wish them speedy recoveries:

Doug Dell, Paul Phillips and his wife Pat, Ray Norton, Fred Moore, Lindsay Horsley, Paul Aminde and George Dzioba.

## Recognition for Len ("The Rocking Horse Man") Elliott

Len has turned 80 years old and is thinking of other directions for hobbies so is winding back his almost full-time job of working on his major passion of rocking horses.

Len worked for 20 years as a restorer at a museum so was ideally qualified to subsequently take on numerous restorations of antique and preloved family rocking horses. He has also been an inspiration to Joe Semelow and many makers of rocking horses in our Club over the years by providing the complete accessories set including saddles, harnesses and stirrups etc. Whenever anyone went to Len's place to get supplies they always came away a considerable time later with plenty of information and hints about horses as he is an absolute font of knowledge about the history and development of rocking horses!!

He's already working on another book as he wants to spread his knowledge as wide as possible.

The Club presented Len with a plaque and bottle of wine at the June General Meeting as a small token of appreciation for what he has done for our Club members.



The photo shows him proudly displaying the plaque and enjoying drinking the wine while astride one of his horses!!

### Safety

Improving safety within the Club is to be given a renewed focus and you will hear more about it over the coming months.

You may even be asked to contribute by being a member of a safety sub-committee.

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### Turners Talk

Have you been into the woodturning room lately? You will be amazed at the cleanliness and orderliness of the place, which is a credit to the members who keep it like

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that. But most importantly it is a credit to the leadership and direction from John Emptage to achieve it and maintain it.



Well done by all the Woodturners!!

## Around the Club

Here's Brian Douds routing a lid for the very decorative jewellery box he is making.



The box is on the router table made from layers of Merbau and Pine. It has a removable interior tray and will certainly look great when stained and felt-lined inside.

We have a total of 172 toys now completed for our Christmas toy donations, with more on the way. However, we still need plenty more!



The photos show 2 of the types of toys being produced. The "gypsy wagon" is a classic example of what can be done when members put their minds to it. We were given the curved pieces of ply and a member decided to use it to roof a number of wagons. Pretty good eh? The chairs are very stylish and colourfully painted.

## "Member of the Month" An Interview with Peter Horsburgh

Everyone knows Peter.

He has been in the Club for 12 years and is one of the constant quiet achievers in getting things done around the Club.

He hasn't missed helping out at the 2 Festivals a year since he joined. Being a major driver in organising and helping the members produce the Kids Korner Kits means he has been involved in countless 1,000s of them. Not only that but whenever a school, library or children's group want to have a kit building day at their premises or a community group needs something constructed you generally find Peter involved, if he is available. All this has resulted in a substantial financial gain for the Club over the years. All this follows from a lifetime interest in anything to do with woodwork since he was 12 years old. He has even built a house!!

Peter is proud of the facilities we have and is disappointed when equipment is damaged due to neglect or abuse. Seeing the successful completion of the new extension is his next focus and knowing Peter he will be in line to volunteer his expertise.



Peter is proud of the more than 20 Be In It awards plus others, like the Bill Gillingham award in 2003, on the wall of his extensive workshop.

We need more members like Peter.

Paul Lucas

## The "Guest Speaker Data Base"

More updated detail will be written and distributed to many of the Clubs around Australia in the coming week.

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the Councillor for Dobson Ward**

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

## Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

5 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
12 <sup>th</sup> July	8:00 am	12:00 noon	Alistair Green	9754 2727
19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
26 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
6 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728

*Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms and workshop*

## Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	John Emptage 9758 6103
	Evening	Each week	Carvers Festival Kids 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Phil Lennox, on wood screws, their use and application.

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

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

Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Patrick Evans from Maton Guitars, on their timber issues.

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

"Be In It" Competition & "Open Day"

### In the Woodies World

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

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

### For Sale

Triton 2000 235mm saw bench.  
235mm Hitachi saw (near new "Irwin" blade), saw height winder kit, clamp arrangement for alternative 184mm. saw. With complete dust extraction system. Excellent order. \$575  
ONO  
Rob Donker Ph 98870214 or Mobile 0403 134 501 or robtheadonker@tadaust.org.au

### That's life!!

Paddy's pregnant sister was in a terrible car accident and went into a deep coma.

After being in the coma for nearly six months, she wakes up and sees that she is no longer pregnant; frantically, she asks the doctor about her baby. The doctor replies, "Ma'am, you had twins! A boy and a girl. The babies are fine now however they were poorly at

birth and had to be christened immediately - your brother came in and named them. The woman thinks to herself, "Oh suffering Jesus no, not me brother ... he's a %^&\*, clueless, \*&"\$#!" Expecting the worst, she asks the doctor, "Well, what's my daughter's name?" "Denise," says the doctor. The new mother is somewhat relieved "Wow, that's a beautiful name; I guess I was wrong about my brother .... I like Denise." Then she asks, "What's the boy's name?" - "Denephew"

**Protect yourself while working at the Club. Your health and safety is important to you, and the Club, so look after it. THINK SAFE WOODWORKING**