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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, September report

I am pleased to report that our Building Extension Project has commenced. Last weekend the Site Security Fence was erected which is an Occupational Health and Safety requirement on all building sites. Thanks to Bill Orpen the site was marked out on Sat. morning 23th August ready for the concreters to prepare the site for the concrete slab to be laid about Thursday 28th August. The concrete slab will need to cure for about 4 days before the Stump Hole Digger can drive on it. From then on you will see a steady progress in the erection of our building. So by the time of my October Report I hope to be able to inform you that we will need volunteers to assist with the trimming of the interior of the building.

But with the Good News comes the Bad and again we ask your support with the Parking at the Club. We ask all members to park Outside the Gates to leave room for the builders to park inside and for access for any delivery trucks to the site. We would also ask you to be careful in not parking on the grassed area outside the fence, as the area has become very soft from the recent wet weather and we have had to help a number of members who have got bogged in the mud in the last couple of days. We suggest that you park in the parking area of the adjacent Oval where there is adequate firm parking available. If you have something heavy which you need to work on, drive to the concrete apron in front of the workshop, unload your

articles, and then take your car to the Oval car park. We thank you in anticipation of your support in this difficulty.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your Membership Fees for 2008/2009 which have increased to \$65 are due on 1st September and if not paid by 31st October will incur a further \$10 for late payment.

Our "Be In It" Competition and Open Day held on Sun. 17th August was again a success. On the day we had about 140 members, families and friends in attendance. We had 133 entries from 37 members in 22 categories and I would like to congratulate all entrants on the quality, craftsmanship and better finish on all the entries which was noted by our judges on the day. Congratulations to all those members who were successful in the Competition and were presented with their Certificates. To all the members who were unsuccessful on the day my congratulations and thanks for entering into the spirit of the day with your entries and supporting your Club Activities. To all of you I say thank you and well done. My disappointment on the day was that only 37 members from our total membership of 175 entered into the Competition. So maybe next year you will prepare your entries and support this worthwhile Annual Club Activity.

My thanks to our judges Cr. Karin Orpen, Ted Anderson and Cliff Walsh for again giving their valuable time and expertise in judging our competition, to Peter Horsburgh for supervising and co-ordinating our Afternoon Tea so professionally, to Joyce Brown for all her support in recording all the entries and assisting John O'Rorke in

preparing the Certificates for Presentation and last but not least my thanks to all those members and friends who brought along the food for our wonderful Afternoon Tea. Thank you all Ladies and Gentlemen for your time, efforts and support in making the day a success. With such a large crowd we found it was a bit of a squeeze at times but hopefully with our new extension it will be more comfortable next year. Thank you all for making my job easier on the day.

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

Paddy Mc Cann

President.

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as a
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The First Sod

President Paddy and Bill Orpen “turn the first sod” . Our extensions are under way at last! This important “ceremony” took place at 9:00 am on Saturday August 23 , 2008.

Parking Problems

Building will be continuing for some time, and because of that, we will have some parking problems, or rather, permanent changes to where we can park.

There can be NO PARKING inside the gates at all. If you have a project or materials to pick-up or drop off, do drive into the front door, but PLEASE take your car out as soon as you can.

The yard will be in use by builder's vehicles. Parking outside the fence will be restricted too, but there is ample parking inside the oval. Just enter at the drive on the Burwood Hwy side of our gate and walk back to the club.

Our club has grown and has a large membership, and with the new extensions, parking will be limited. Some call it progress, some will call it a pain, but, we will just have to adapt. (change is not always easy if you are like me ! Ed.)

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	Completed
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: Mohsen Ibrahim

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

We have been successfully using our current badges for several years now so a replacement plastic badge holder is available if your original one is showing signs of wear and tear.

Guest Speakers for the coming Monthly Meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:

September 3rd

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

October 1st

The AGM – no guest speaker.

Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations in September to the following ? members.
We hope you have a great day and a successful year ahead:
Mohsen Ibrahim on Sept.5th

Mohsen is one of our more recent members, but I am sure that there are more September birthdays than just one !!!!

Our Members' Welfare

We wish these members well during their illness:
Doug Dell, Fred Moore, Paul Aminde and George Dzioba.

Remember your annual fees will be due on the 1st September – pay on time!!

To make the treasurer's task easier in collecting the annual fee, the committee has decided to impose a **\$10 late fee** for anyone renewing after 31st October each year

A Few Things About The Coming Year are Changing !

As you will have heard by now, we have been upgrading our record system, to try and make it more relevant to the times in which we live, and to be more in line with current accounting and management practices.

As usual, the October Newsletter will be posted to each member, and this posting will include:-

1. One Raffle book for the annual fund raiser. Please support your club, sell the 10 tickets and return the stubs and money to the club as soon as possible. We hope the new Club Record system will allow us to send a reminder to those who have not done so. But this will add extra cost to our operation, so please return the tickets (preferably sold!) as soon as possible.
2. An Invoice for this coming year's fees (**Which are payable between September 1st and October 31st**)
3. A blank member enrollment form. Yes, if you receive this, you are still a member, but we are trying to update our membership records. Not just to be nosy, but for details as to whom we should contact in an emergency, who to wish a happy birthday, and a detail that changes quite often, an up to date email address so that we can send you the monthly newsletter. Many of you have been members for a long time, but there may have been changes in address, contact numbers etc. It is not really possible to contact each and every member to update details, so please fill in this form and send it back when you pay your sub.

**Protect yourself while working at the Club.
Your health and safety is important to you, and
the Club, so look after it.
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Our New Club Email Address for Newsletters from other Clubs

Could all Clubs who receive this Newsletter each month and send us their newsletter via email, please note the new email address to us for your newsletters.

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Be In IT Day

Our annual "Be In IT Day", the day that showcases the skills and ingenuity of our members was a huge success. Over 140 members, family and friends turned (Oh! What an awful pun!!) up to see more than 130 entries from 37 members, in 22 categories.

Here, courtesy of Bill Ireland are two photos of that memorable event.



Some of our members and friends



Really professional work

Your Safety within the Club

The committee asks that all members remember that the Club insurance policy for members **only covers third party injury** – that is, you are covered if injured by the actions of another Club member while in the Club.

You need to check that you have appropriate personal insurance cover in case you injure **yourself** while on the Club premises.

Your Newsletter over the next 2 months

John O'Rorke is the *TEMPORARY (!)*, editor for October and November until Paul returns. Keep the items coming in.

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the Councilor for Dobson Ward

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 Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Friday				

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

13th September	09:30 AM	12:30 PM	Alistair Green	9754 2727
20th September	09:30 AM	12:30 PM	Brian Douds	9762 3323
27th September	09:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
5th October	09:30 AM	12:30 PM	Ray Norton	9763 5728
11th October	08:00 AM	12:00 AM	WORKING BEE	
<i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms and workshop</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
Tuesday	Day	Each week	Festival Kids development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
	Evening	Each week	Festival Kit development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Friday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
	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 20th August

Committee meeting at 7:30 pm

Wednesday 3rd September

General Meeting at 7:30pm

Karl Lutz, on vacuum veneering.

Wednesday 1st October

AGM Meeting at 7:30 pm

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	
Turning Blocks	\$4 / kg	

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her Birthday.

"I'd like to be six again", she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again??"

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size, you dumb ass!"

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

E.&O.E. (The Editor)