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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's, December report

As we come to the end of another year I wonder where the time has gone and still we have a busy time before we close down for Christmas.

We have a Working Bee on Sat. 28th Nov. mainly for housekeeping before our Annual Christmas Break Up and Carols by Candlelight on Sat. 6th Dec. To date our numbers are down on last year for this worthwhile function. We have 62 Adults and 6 Children booked, so we have plenty of room for more. I thank you in anticipation of your participation in these activities.

Because of our Building Extension and the logistics of joining the New to the Old, we have decided to extend our close down period by two weeks.

Consequently, we close on Friday 12th Dec. and reopen on Tuesday 27th Jan. 2009. We plan to use the time between Monday 12th Jan. and Friday 23rd Jan to carry out the necessary movement of Stock and Equipment also the finishing Fit Out of the New Extension. I am calling for volunteers during this period to assist with these tasks. If you are available please let me or another Committee Member know when you are available. Don't leave it to the usual few - remember many hands make light work.

My thanks to our Executive Committee, Key Holders, Group and Team Leaders who have given so freely of their time and skills throughout the year. Ladies and Gentlemen, without your continued support and enthusiasm our Club would not be able to operate as efficiently as it does. On behalf of all our members we say thank you for your appreciated participation. When we close during the

Christmas Break, hopefully this will give you the opportunity to have a well earned rest and a chance to enjoy the Festive Season.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the Seasons Greetings, may Christmas bring you and yours all the Happiness and Merriment you wish yourselves and may the New Year 2009 bring you Good Health, Wealth and Happiness.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you around the Club before Christmas or in the New Year 2009.

Paddy Mc Cann

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
-Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as a
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Our changing Woodwork Club site



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What a change in the site since I left for overseas 3 months ago!! The ground had not even been broken at that stage and now look at the exterior shell already almost all painted!

Bill Orpen still has memories of the trauma of using about 56 cubic metres of foundation concrete instead of the original 26 cubic metres budgeted for due to the ground being filled soil.

The real progress is now evident on the inside as the wiring, lining etc proceeds.



Here you can see our happy electrician at work on the wiring while Bill Orpen is finishing the door frame from the existing office into the new extension. I know Bill (and his boss and Karen) will be glad when the job is finally completed – this photo of Bill was taken about 7 o'clock last Friday night as he does much work after his normal day shift work.



This is the interior at the beginning of last week and the wall lining had already started by the end of the week. As Paddy stated, the Club will have an extended closure over the New Year to enable extensive fitting to occur, and your help is requested – please volunteer.

Congratulations to John O'Rorke for the great Newsletters over the last 3 months!

The September, October and November Newsletters produced by John were a great success over these 3 months while I was away overseas.

It's good to see that some Club functions do not always rely on specific individuals.



Thanks also to Bill Ireland for his support to John with photos to supplement each issue.

Paul Lucas

Community Support Activities currently undertaken by the Club

Project Description	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids for Christmas	Continually in Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs, Stools, etc	CPEC	When Required
Kid's Korner Kits	Kid's Korner functions	Continuous

A warm welcome to all our New Members

Help our new members get as much enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making them feel part of the Club family. Wear your name badge so they know us by name.

- Paul Fagan
- Shane McLean
- Anne Burke
- Jim Latham
- Allan Dugan
- Josef Cacorz

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

The new "Fine Furniture" group

George Knight is extremely pleased and very excited with the progress of the new group involved in producing "fine furniture". In fact there are now 2 groups!!

Their progress will be reviewed in the February newsletter.

Our Members' Welfare

We wish these members well during their illness:

Doug Dell, Paul Phillips, Michael Vine, Fred Moore, and George Dzioba.

**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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Turners Talk

Dick Webb is engrossed and excited about turning a large burl into a bowl and it will look great when finished as the wood has lovely character lines.

Good luck to him as it appears to have a few fault lines!!



Here is a group of turners avidly watching our new member Henk Eyskens skilfully complete a rapid turning job.



Rocking Horse Ramblings

Joe Semenow continues to be amazed at the large number of members involved in the Friday night Rocking Horse group – and their ever increasing enthusiasm over the years.

Joe believes the Club has now completed around 56 horses, which is quite an achievement.



Joe coordinated the usual successful End-of-Year dinner party for over 20 members and guests.

There was much discussion on why there were plates of fluffy white balls on the table – many thought they were lollies but most realised they were cotton balls and probably represented snow. We were all wrong!!

Joe announced a surprise. He played popular tunes on his hand made violin as after dinner entertainment and the cotton balls were for anyone to use as ear plugs if they did not want to hear his playing!

Len Elliott promptly put on a set of ear muffs from the rack!!



But it was all in fun, as Joe presented a wonderful varied selection of tunes for our enjoyment



The usual helpers (and onlookers) did a marvellous job cooking all the varieties of meat and the onions for the dinner. Noel Rippon (seen here on the right) has completed at least 12 horses of his own and is working on a zebra and planning a kangaroo rocker!



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
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

9 th August	8:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
16 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
23 rd August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
30 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
6 th September	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 3rd December
Sausage sizzle at 6:30pm.
General Meeting and the Annual monster Club Auction at 7:30pm

Saturday 6th December
The Annual End-of-Year dinner party at the Club followed by the Knox Carols by Candlelight on the oval for those interested.

Friday 12th December
Club rooms close at the end of the evening for 2008.

Tuesday 27th January 2009

Club rooms reopen in the morning for 2009.

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.

Remember the Club Closure dates

Close Friday evening 12th December
Reopen Tuesday morning 27th January

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More on the Rocking Horse dinner

Paddy McCann can be seen enthusiastically singing away to an Irish tune played by Joe Semenow at the Rocking horse group dinner – we all agreed, he should not give up his day job for singing!!

