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*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's,

February report

Welcome back to our first meeting of 2009. I hope that you all had a very pleasant Christmas and a Great New Year and that you are well rested, looking forward to another busy year.

I would like to take this opportunity to record our thanks and appreciation to Bill Orpen for his skills, dedication and determination in getting our New Extension to Lock Up before Christmas.
Thank You Bill.

As notified in my December Report, we started the logistics of joining our Old and New Workshop and New Storage Extension. We started from Mon. 12th till Fri 23rd January. I would like to personally thank all those members who contributed their time and labour in the painting, welding of racking, taking down walls, lining and painting the internal walls of the Store, Office, and group designated areas, and installation of a new security system. We got an enormous amount of work done but there is still a lot more to do. Although we had a good turn up on many of the days I was again disappointed that the majority of this very important project was left to the same usual 10 to 12 members who turned up on most days.
My thanks to these dedicated volunteers. I keep asking myself "What do we have to do to get more of our 157 members involved in these important projects".

We have already had our first Kids Korner Workshop at Ringwood Library on Wed. 21st Jan. with 44 children participating. Our thanks to Peter Horsburgh and the other 8

members who assisted on the day, raising \$220 for The Club

Our first Bi Monthly **Working Bee for 2009 is scheduled for Sat. 14th February**. If you were unable to attend our Fit Out of our New Extension here is an opportunity to help your Club. All are needed and welcomed.

We are also calling for volunteers to **sell Raffle Tickets at Bunnings, Scoresby on Sat 20th and Sun. 21st February**. Please put your name on the Whiteboard List if you are able to help. It will be an easy job in 2hr sessions, if we have enough volunteers.

Our first Major Fund Raising Event for 2009, the **Knox Festival will be held on Sat 28th Feb. and Sun. 1st March**. All members are expected to volunteer for all or part of these days. This is an opportunity to support the public face of our Club and to raise funds and keep our membership fees to a minimum.
Please put your name on the Whiteboard List at the Club confirming your participation.

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

Well, a tremendous amount of members' labour has gone into finishing off the internals of the new extensions and relocating much of the equipment etc. As usual, the faithful few did a large majority of the work for the benefit of all members. Here is Peter Sleeman welding the shelving in the new storeroom with Max Holt assisting. It was a sweltering day and Peter must have baked in his protective gear while Max was



shirtless and relatively cool!



Here is part of the new extension with the floor just given a coat of clear urethane.

The boys needed the well earned rests on the very hot days.



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

Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations in February to the following 4 members. We hope you have a great day and a successful year ahead:

Peter Jordan	on the 4th
Robert Sledge	on the 13 th
Ray Norton	on the 25 th
Trevor Nash	on the 28 th

Show & Tell at our December meeting

Charles Bruckner brought to show a 90cm long wooden 1949 Reading Steam Locomotive and Tender his friend Roy Southward made from a plan. The train even has a swinging bell! A marvellous piece of intricate modelling.



A 50cm long passenger car is still to be made to complete model. Roy has only been making

models as a hobby for the past 4 years but he obviously has a latent skill!! Previously he made marquetry pictures but had to give this up due to eye problems – it certainly hasn't hampered his model making! Charles was hoping he would join our Club to spread his knowledge and skills, but Roy is quite happy working in his own home workshop. Thanks for bringing the model to show us, Charles.

Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:
 5th February "Wooden Geared Clocks" by Jack Croucher
 4th March "Dovetail Joints" by Ken Morrison

Our Members' Welfare

We wish these members well during their illness: Peter Sleeman, John Emptage, Fred Moore, and George Dzioba.

The Knox Festival **Sat 28th Feb & Sun 1st March**

Don't forget to put your name on the board to attend to help.
Is one of our 2 major fund raising activities each year and it is a chance to also have fun helping.
Also don't forget to return your raffle tickets and money

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The sad passing of Doug Dell

Here is a photo of Doug and his wife, Joan, in happier times at the Woodworkers' Christmas party a couple of years ago.

Doug was a well liked and active member from the time he joined in the 1990s. He was on the committee for a period and always showed a happy disposition to everyone despite his ongoing health issues.

Doug will be missed!



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Rocking Horse Ramblings

The end of an era!!!



Joe Semenow has decided to stand aside from heading up the Rocking Horse group after many years (we believe about 15 years) and overseeing the creation of well over 50 horses. Joe has also personally made many horses.

Naturally, Joe will still be around and will visit frequently but without the pressure of constant work at the Club. He will enjoy his extra time to do what he wants and give him more time and thought for Mary.

Tony Truett (pictured working on a horse at home) has kindly accepted the mantle of heading up the Friday night group and he is warmly welcomed by all involved as he has



considerable experience in making horses – in fact he has been helping a friend with 4 horses over the last month or so. Tony has only been in the Club about 5 years and starting from scratch at that time has already made over 10 horses for family and friends.

Joe will be missed for his friendly outlook and ready help to members, but Tony will be well up to the challenge as the successful new leader with his own brand of helpful outlook based on his considerable knowledge and skill.
CONTINUED GOOD LUCK TO THE ROCKING HORSE GROUP.

Around the Club

Peter Jordan was busy late last year helping construct safer base plates for the routers. They inserts are made of metal and constructed so they cannot come loose when the router is in use.

This is another example of a member volunteering to help make the Club better for all.
Well done Peter!



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	9801 2197
Friday	6:30 pm	- 9:30 pm	Tony Truett	9873 2847
			Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

7 th February	8:00 am	12:00 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
14 th February	9:00 am	12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
21 st February	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
28 th February			KNOX FESTIVAL	
7 th March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323

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	Tony Truett 9873 2847
				Bruce Allen 9754 5774

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

Our Club Activities

Wednesday 4th February
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Saturday 14th February
WORKING BEE
Saturday 28th & Sunday 1st
March
KNOX FESTIVAL
Wednesday 4th March
General Meeting at 7:30pm

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

Ryobi BT3100K 10" Table Saw
Including accessory kit - brand new and unused. Review on <http://tinyurl.com/cv65x2> Sells at Bunnings for \$899, sale \$650 - Neil Bengough ph 9795 2312

Refer to the notice board for details of a quantity of good quality and good condition woodwork equipment and turning gear for sale.

That's Life!!

The best lawyer story of all time...

The "United Way" realized that it had never received a donation from the city's most successful lawyer.

So a United Way volunteer paid the lawyer a visit in his lavish office.

The volunteer opened the meeting by saying, "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over two million dollars, you don't give a penny to charity.

Wouldn't you like to give something back to your community through the United Way?"

The lawyer thinks for a minute and says, "First, did your research also show you that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness and she has huge

medical bills that are far beyond her ability to pay?"

Embarrassed, the United Way rep mumbles, "Uh... no, I didn't know that."

"Secondly," says the lawyer, "did it show that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children?"

The stricken United Way rep begins to stammer an apology, but is cut off again.

"Thirdly, did your research also show you that my sister's husband died in a dreadful car accident, leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children, one of who is disabled and another that has learning disabilities requiring an array of private tutors?"

The humiliated United Way rep, completely beaten, says, "I'm so sorry, I had no idea."

And the lawyer says, "So . . . if I didn't give any money to them, what makes you think I'd give any to you?"