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Monthly Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's,

March report

Since my last report we have experienced the unprecedented disaster of the Bushfires on 'Black Saturday' 7th February 2009. This devastation did not adversely affect any of our members but I have been informed by a number, of loses and destruction of property of some of their immediate families. Our hearts and support go out to each and every one of the families who have lost family members, homes and property. The Committee decided on your behalf and made a donation of \$250 to the Bushfire Appeal Fund.

Then again last night 23rd February the fires came closer to home with an out break affecting Upwey, Tecoma, Belgrave and Belgrave South. We have a number of members residing in these areas but to date Thank God we have not heard of any injuries or property loss among them. We have had reports of members who were prepared to vacate their homes but luckily the fires were contained and they did not have to leave.

Our thoughts are with you and if we are able to assist please keep us informed. We were unable to open the Club on Monday evening 23rd because of road blocks and restrictions of entry into Glenfern Road from Burwood Highway due to the fires.

Our Working Bee on Saturday 14th February was well attended by 26 members and we were able to move all the sheet materials from the Machine Shop to our New Store which gives us a start in ensuring cleaner, safer conditions around the machinery. We were also able to move benches, shelving and cupboards around the Workshop to obtain better housekeeping. We had our usual cleanup of all our

areas making them safer and more pleasant to work in. Thank you to all those who helped on the day.

My Thanks too also to the 14 Members who volunteered to sell Raffle Tickets at Bunnings Scoresby on Sat.21st and Sun.22nd February. We raised \$274 from ticket sales which was less than last year but in the light of all the other collections and appeals on the day I think we did well.

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

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

Note - New Club Car Parking Rules

Unfortunately it is now prohibited, until further notice, to park on the nature strip area outside the Club gates due to Council now enforcing their regulations.

Parking for handicapped will be eventually designated and enforced by the Council to ensure only those with appropriate stickers use it.

A car space will be allocated for the keyholder.

Discussions are underway with the Council to see if the situation can be modified to accommodate some designated orderly parking on the nature strip while allowing a

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pedestrian walkway strip and not creating a danger by obstructing the view of traffic.

Naturally, members can pull in to the Club rooms to unload materials but then their vehicle must be parked with all other vehicles in the oval area alongside the Club. This is unfortunate, but beyond our control at this stage.

Our changing Woodwork Club site

A marvellous job has been done by Bill Orpen in coordinating the overall construction to the stage it is with minimal issues.

Naturally, many miscellaneous jobs have then been done by the willing few Club members to complete the interior fit out and clean up and rearrange the rooms and benches etc. The shelves have been built in the new storage room and already loaded!

The major work still to be done is constructing the new toilet for the disabled and then reconstructing the kitchen. Storm water drainage is also to go in.

A skylight and air conditioner will be installed in the new office to provide light and air circulation. Office benches, lockers and shelving are to go in.

Metal movable steps will be constructed to allow safe access to the new wood storage shelves.

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 March to the following 8 members. We hope you have a great birthday occasion and a successful year ahead:

Barry Mc Dermott	on the 6 th
George Knight	on the 8 th
John Emptage	on the 12 th
Willy Schlaf	on the 12 th
Steven Knight	on the 13 th
John Di Donna	on the 14 th
Fred Sutton	on the 20 th
Sharon Sammels	on the 26 th

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 settles in.



Our new member is: Jim Perros
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 badge and/or plastic badge holder is available if your original one is showing signs of wear and tear. Leave a message in Paul Lucas's pigeon hole in the office.

Show & Tell at our February meeting

You remember Charles Bruckner brought to show a 90cm long wooden 1949 Reading Steam Locomotive and Tender his friend Roy Southward made from a plan.

This month Charles surprised us all by bringing the rest (all



5 pieces) of the train assembly as seen in the photo.



Roy has also produced other models and here is a wonderful example of a vintage car with moveable parts such as a removable engine hood etc.

Thanks once again Charles.

Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speaker:
4th March Alistair Voell

Our Members' Welfare

We wish these members well during their illness:
John Emptage, Fred Moore.

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A Puffing Billy train outing

Around 12 noon join a coach trip up to Gembrook.

Then a Puffing Billy train ride down to Belgrave while having a lovely afternoon tea.

Arrive around 4:30pm

See the notice board for details and the actual date of the trip in late March.

Get your name down on the list as numbers are limited.

General Housekeeping at the Club

There has been increasing annoyance by many at the way a few members are not doing the right thing by everyone and cleaning up the area they were working in after finishing.

It is unacceptable to just think that others will follow you so it can be left for them to clean the area.

Another annoyance is people not checking the extraction bags and replacing filled bags if using the thicknesser etc.

People have even been using cups etc from the kitchen and just leaving them for the “cleaner” to wash and put away – guess what, there is no “cleaner”!!

The committee spent considerable time at the last committee meeting discussing the issue as it cannot continue for safety reasons apart from sheer tidiness and thoughtfulness for others.

You can help by gently reminding people if you see they leave a mess. If you are embarrassed to confront them yourself, tell the keyholder.

The embarrassment should be with the offender – not you or the keyholder!!

Activities at the Knox Festival 2009

What perfect weather we had for the 2 days this year and this meant we had plenty of children enjoying themselves



making kits.

Here is the site ready for the 2 days of fun.



The usual Dads helping their children is a delight to see. You can almost hear the little brother in the pusher saying “When am I

going to be old enough to do what my brother is doing?”

It is interesting to see an increasing number of Mums helping their offspring construct a kit. I think they get as much fun if not more than the children in the activity!



Joyce Brown did a great job (with the help of others) in selling a range of items kindly made by members. Look at the lovely range of products at very reasonable prices.

This section of the Club stand is an increasing source of sales and revenue for the Club. Thank you to all the contributors for the time and effort put into providing items.



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 March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
14 th March	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
21 st March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
28 th March	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
4 th April	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 March
General Meeting at 7:30pm
Wednesday 18th March
Committee Meeting at 7:30pm
Wednesday 1st April
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. Sale \$650
Neil Bengough ph 8787 5968

That's Life!!

NEW STOCK MARKET TERMS

CEO - Chief Embezzlement Officer.
CFO - Corporate Fraud Officer.
BULL MARKET - A period

when an investor mistakes himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET - A period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewellery, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING - The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO - The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER - What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR - Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST - The idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT - When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER - A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION - The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW - The

movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO - What you yell after selling your Yahoo shares to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS - What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo for \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR - Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT - An archaic word no longer in use.

A question for these troubled times -

Q: What's the difference between a stockbroker, a stock market investor and a pigeon?

A: A pigeon can still leave a deposit on a Porsche!

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