

Monthly Newsletter of the

## Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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### Your Committee for 2009

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### Our President, Paddy Mc Cann's

#### May report

April was another busy month around the Club. We had two Working Bees on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> and Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April with 14 and 10 members respectively attending. We also had 2 Kids Korner Activities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April with 8 and 6 members respectively assisting. Then we had 2 Demonstrations and stalls, one at The Basin Musical Festival and the other at Ambleside Homestead with Knox Historical Society, with 5 members attending on both days. Thanks to all the members who assisted at all these activities. If you can or would like to be involved in any of these types of activities and support your Club, just contact any committee member and they will assist you. We are always in need of extra help.

Our building extension projects are nearing the end. Over the last weeks we have completed the installation of 3 water tanks, the concrete apron outside our new store, the relocation of the kitchen, the refitting of the toilets and the near completion of the new disabled toilet. We still have a number of smaller items to complete our planned project on time. Our thanks to everyone for accepting the added inconveniences during the concreting, kitchen and toilet disruptions.

I need to take this opportunity to remind everyone of 2 important activities coming up 1) The Annual 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day to be held on Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> August which leaves you only 3 months to complete your entries for the competition. You are all asked to enter one or more items that you have completed in the last year into this Annual Competition. Further details and information will follow later.

2) Toys for Disadvantaged Children for Christmas. Each member is expected to make at least one toy suitable for Children, before the 31<sup>st</sup> October so that they are presented at our November Meeting on Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Over the years we have presented between 400 and 600 toys each year. At present our toy count stands at 15, so we have 6 months to try to beat our last year's total of 432 toys. I encourage everyone to meet their commitment as soon as possible. We can store these toys when ready. I thank you in anticipation.

The Committee are currently in discussion about an Official Opening of our new extension and the Celebration of the Club's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday. We will keep you informed of the arrangements as soon as they are available.

I look forward to seeing and speaking to you around the Club in the near future.  
Paddy Mc Cann

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

### Our changing Woodwork Club site

Here is a picture of Peter Sleeman watching the men busily and quickly smoothing the surface of the new concrete apron. Knowing Peter and his attitude to everything being done well and perfectly, I can just imagine him saying to himself as he looks on "They aren't doing as good a job as I could do myself !!"



The metal safety step platform to allow access to the upper reaches of the racking in the new storeroom has been completed. Here it is in place in the newly completed timber store room. The racking certainly improves our capacity to neatly store timber in a safer manner.

To acknowledge the work done by Peter and the kind donation from the Bendigo Community Bank the stand has a prominent plaque at the top:

**“Platform Stand  
made by Peter Sleeman  
& sponsored by**

**Bendigo Community Bank  
Ferntree gully & Rowville Branches”**

Photographs of the Stand have been given to the Bendigo Community Bank.

## A warm welcome to 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 get to know us by name and quickly settle in.

Our new members are: Ben Spencer  
Gary Herzberg  
John Darcy  
Karyn Pacchiana  
Darrin Matthews  
Michael Vine

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

## 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
Kids Korner Kits	Kid Korner Activities	Continuous
12 Sign Frames	Placemakers	Completed
20 Possum Boxes	Marysville pp KC Council	In Progress
20 Possum Boxes	Barb McAuley – Care of Injured Possums	In Progress
148 Trays	Vermont South Primary School	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Grand Daughter Clock	Stringybark Festival Raffle	In Progress
Turned Teddy Bear	Stringybark Festival Raffle	Completed
Various Woodturned Items	Stock for various activities sales	In Progress
BoardRoom Table	Our New Office	In Planning

## Happy Birthday in May!!

Congratulations in April to the following members. We hope you all have a great birthday occasion and a successful year ahead:

George Giummarra	on the 1 <sup>st</sup>
Michael Pendrey	on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jim Gay	on the 4 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Pitt	on the 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Sheehan	on the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Longden	on the 11 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Button	on the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Les Wilkins	on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Robert Holdsworth	on the 27 <sup>th</sup>
Gavin Betts & Ben Mahoney	on the 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Guest Speakers for monthly meetings

Eric Butterfield has organised the following speakers:  
6<sup>th</sup> May Tony Truett talking on Fire Safety Awareness  
3<sup>rd</sup> June Bill Ireland talking on the History of FTG

## Our Members’ Welfare

We wish these members well during their various stages of illness:

Bill Longden, Fred Moore, Jim Gay and Michael Vine.

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## Club equipment still occasionally goes missing

A new “live centre” for a lathe tailstock has gone missing which is a real inconvenience for the wood turning group. Please inspect your tool kit that you brought to the Club to see if you inadvertently took it home by mistake. Its return would be appreciated.

## Club Raffles over the next few months

The first raffle has been drawn and Fred Sutton won the Easter Chocolate Hamper. Well done Fred!  
Be sure to come to the monthly meetings and look out for the general raffles over the next few months as the prizes are special !!  
Prizes such as 6 double tickets to a show, a family pass on Puffing Billy, a \$50 Safeway hamper are still to be drawn. Come along to find out more details.

## New Kitchen rules

With the reorganised kitchen the opportunity has been taken to tidy up the equipment. No longer will Paddy or anyone else have to regularly clean up cups because some members just can't be bothered washing, drying and placing cups etc back in the cupboards or drawers.

The new system is foam cups will be supplied and when finished with they are to be placed in the bin. If you don't finish the drink, empty the foam cup and place it in the bin.

You may decide to bring your own cup to drink from but you will have to ensure it is washed and removed from the kitchen bench when you have finished using it. If not, you should not be surprised if it is gone when you return another day as dirty unwashed cups will be assumed to be unwanted and will end up in the bin!!  
The days of the unpaid dish and cup washer and kitchen maid are over! Hooray!!

## Kids Korner Kits

What a marvellous job done by the group headed by Peter Horsburgh in producing all the Kids Korner Kits that have brought so much joy to almost countless kids over the years, and will continue to do so in the years ahead based on their enthusiasm to keep producing kits.

Peter naturally acknowledges the marvellous continuing effort from his dedicated teams on Monday night and

Tuesdays including Hughie Gaynor, Pat Jiminez, Bob O'Dea, Colin Stewart, Paul Aminde, Dick Webb, Ted Bricker, Ted Gilbee, Gerry Daelmans, Trevor Nash, Gavin Betts, Barry McDermott, Gabriele Voll and Tony Truett.



Here is Peter in just a corner of the new Kids Korner room happily taking an inventory of the parts and kits. What a difference the new spacious and tidy room is to the previous draughty, cold, unlit and small cramped tin

shed out the back of the main workshop!

**To give you an idea of the contribution this team makes to Club finances, that keep your annual fees down, more than \$6,000 worth of kits have been sold over just the last 7 months.**

While many are sold at The Festivals an increasing number are now being requested for sessions at libraries and other places to entertain children.

While this article concentrates on the members producing the kits there is an equally important group of members who assist children assemble the purchased kits at the Festivals and library sessions etc.

Why not think about joining this group producing the kits? Also, if you don't already do so, think about coming to the Festivals and help kids assemble them.

**Some further photographs are on page 4.**

A big thanks to Peter and all the helpers for their efforts!!

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



## 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	9801 2197
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Tony Truett	9873 2847
		Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Morning Hours and Events and the Key Holder

9 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
16 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Brian Dowds	9762 3323
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
30 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
6 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727

*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 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
General Meeting at 7:30pm  
Tony Truett talking on Fire Safety Awareness

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Committee Meeting at 7:30pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
General Meeting at 7:30pm  
Bill Ireland talking on the History of FTG

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
WORKING BEE

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
The Be-In-It Competition

### 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.

### 1 Day Coach trips

Several members have enquired about having more coach trips, as we have had in the past. Give us some ideas on what you would like to visit and we will see what can be arranged. Keep in mind trips have to be organised months ahead.

### Men at Work !!!



Here you can see just 2 of the active helpers working on Kids Korner Kits. Paul Aminde was concentrating so hard on cutting out tray ends he did not want to be disturbed!



Gerry Daelmans is having fun making a great mess cutting out hundreds of wheels until he felt giddy!!