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President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

Thank you to all those club members who gave their time to attend the Stringybark Festival recently, and to Peter Horsburgh and Bill Webb for organising our stand. Despite the terrible weather the Festival again proved to be very successful for the club as we realised a profit of over \$3,300. Considering the number of members we have in the Club the total representation of members who attended was not good and, once again, it was those stalwart few who put the face of the Club before the public.

Fred Sutton has put his name forward to fill the vacancy on the Club Committee. Thank you Fred. I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

Our last working bee was very poorly attended with only Peter Horsburgh and myself turning up to perform the necessary regular maintenance required to ensure that your Club

can continue to provide a safe and tidy environment.

Speaking of a tidy environment, it has become very noticeable over recent times that some members are not cleaning up the area they have been working in when they have completed their particular task. There are plenty of dust pans, brooms and vacuum cleaners available at the club. Please consider the other Club members who will use the work area after you have finished, by taking the time to leave your work area in a clean and tidy condition.

Saturday 4th December is the date of the Christmas break-up party to be held at the Clubrooms. The evening will again be a spit roast, followed by sweets. Tickets will be available for purchase very shortly.

The clubrooms will close for the Christmas break on Friday 17th December and reopen on Monday 17th January.



Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd November

Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 17th November

Committee Meeting.

Friday 26th November

Final date for Christmas Party bookings.

\$16 per head, children under 12 - \$8.

Tuesday 30th November

Deadline for Annual Fee (\$65.00)

Wednesday 1st December

Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 4th December

Christmas Party.



Members Welfare

Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to those of our members in ill health.

Happy Birthdays in November

The very best of Birthday wishes to

Max Holt	2nd November
Bruce Macdonald	6th November
Ron Ralph	14th November
Neil Bengough	16 November
Ray Stewart	18th November
Rod Hall	21st November
John O'Rorke	22nd November
John Jackson	22nd November
Colin Craig	23rd November
Jenny Stevens	30th November



Around the Club

The Annual General Meeting began with the President and Secretary dressed in controversial attire, seen here made palatable so as not to offend the sensibilities.

Original Photo by Bill Ireland



A very deserving Bill Ireland was the 2010 recipient of the Bill Gillingham Award, which was presented to him by Bill Gillingham's daughter, Sandra Bell.



Bill Gillingham's granddaughter, Kirsty (right) was also present for the award, while Councillor Sue McMillan (left) presided over the election of Office Bearers. The previous Committee was returned unopposed, less three retiring members, Paddy McCann, Eric Butterfield and Bill Orpen. Fred Sutton (far left) has since offered his services and now occupies a Committee position.



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

Alan Peach presented us with an intriguing conundrum when he showed a perspex cylinder through which he had drilled a series of curved holes!



Bill Ireland has constructed a travelling case to protect one of the rocking horses when being transported to venues for display.

Gerry Daelmans celebrated his 90th Birthday on October 14th!



Photo by Bill Ireland



Bill Ireland has kindly furnished us with some photos of some of our Members hard at work at the Stringybark Festival.

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From the Soapbox

Sorry to be repetitive, but could all Members please take note of, and observe the policy on the use of our thicknesser. Recently an unknown Member put some painted timber through the machine. We know that this occurred because two of our members were forced to spend some considerable time in removing the paint residue from the 150 cutter faces before they could use the machine to plane their own timber. The policy on the use of the thicknesser is as follows:-

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL TIMBER, INCLUDING NEW, BE SCANNED WITH THE METAL DETECTOR BEFORE BEING PASSED THROUGH ANY OF THE CLUB'S MACHINES! TIMBER SHOULD ALSO BE INSPECTED FOR NON-METALLIC FOREIGN MATTER SUCH AS DIRT AND STONES, AND PAINT SHOULD BE REMOVED AT HOME. FAILURE TO DO THIS NOT ONLY LEADS TO THE UNNECESSARY CONTAMINATION OR DESTRUCTION OF EXPENSIVE BLADES, BUT CAN RUIN THE WORK OF THE NEXT MEMBER TO USE THAT MACHINE!

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Safety continues to be a matter of concern within the Club. As was noted in the previous Newsletter, the practice of leaving keys in the chucks of tools is exceedingly dangerous.

Unfortunately, some members are continuing to do this, as witnessed by the accompanying photograph, taken about a fortnight ago while we were locking up the Clubroom.



This practice is extremely dangerous as the key becomes a projectile if not removed before switching the machine on. This is exceptionally

dangerous in the case of lathes, where the consequences can be potentially fatal due to the high rotational speed and the fact that the key is not tethered. In the case of drill presses, where it is our practice to tether the key, if the chain does not break (preventing it and the key from becoming projectiles), then there is considerable potential to do damage to the machine.

We should all make it a point not to take our hand off the key whilst it is in the chuck. Rather, make it an ingrained habit to remove the key the moment that you have finished tightening or loosening the chuck.

Please, don't allow yourself to be responsible for injuring another Club Member, if not yourself.

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Members wishing to attend the Club's Christmas Party should place their money in an envelope on which is written their name and the number of tickets required, and put it in the perspex-fronted box below the sign-in book. Don't forget to bring your own table and chairs to the Party.

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A number of companies are pleased to offer discounts to members of our Club. These are listed on the last page. Discounts vary, and are sometimes dependent on the particular item purchased. In some cases, trade price applies. Whenever possible, wear your Club cap or shirt to identify yourself as a Club Member. If you are aware of any company that I have neglected to include, please let me know.

• **Scrollsaws (Scroll Saws)**

For those of you who would like to try their hand at scrollsawing, the Club currently possesses two **scrollsaws**, a McPherson/Woodfast of rigid-arm (or "strainer") design, and a Delta parallel-arm machine. Both saws are in operating condition and are situated in the main machinery room.



The McPherson (left) takes **only** pinned blades, which cannot be manufactured in finer sizes. The blade is pulled down by the lower blade clamp and returned by an overhead spring. While this results in uneven tension over its travel, if adjusted correctly it does give a true vertical cut. The Delta (right) will take **only** plain-ended blades, with a much greater range available. The parallel arm design causes the blade to cut in an arc, but the tension is constant, and much finer blades can be used.

If you feel inclined to have a go, then just remember to avoid forcing the wood (and unnecessarily breaking the blade), feeding it gently. As with all machines, it is advisable to wear protective eyewear when operating.

An excellent source of inspiration can be found on Steve Good's "Scrollsaw Workshop" site at <http://scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com/>. Registration is free and gives you access to scores of free patterns and ideas.

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Friday's Fine Furniture classes will cease in 2011, but the Thursday classes will continue.

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Finally, a reminder that the last day that the Club will be open in 2010 will be Friday December 17th, with activities resuming on Monday, January 17th.

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A Snowball's Chance

Two Aussie blokes, Kev and Bruce, die at the same time and find themselves in Hell. The Devil pays them a visit to see how they're getting on and finds them in shorts and t-shirts, enjoying a BBQ....

"Is this place not hot enough for you?" asks the Devil.

Bruce says "Oh mate..we're from Australia we love the heat. It's just like a summer's day."

Feeling angry, the Devil decides he'll fix these two and turns the heat up to maximum. Everywhere in Hell, people are wailing and moaning from the heat and, satisfied with the result, the Devil decides to check back on the two Aussies.

He's furious to find Kev and Bruce flipping the snags on the barbie, knocking back a couple of stubbies in their thongs and singlets, laughing and chatting.

"How can you guys be comfortable in this heat?" screams the Devil. Everyone else in Hell is absolutely miserable, but you two are actually enjoying it!"

"Awww come on mate...says Kev. I spent last summer in Darwin. It's actually nice to have some dry heat for a change"

The Devil storms off, scheming how to fix these two. After thinking about it for a while he hits on an idea. If the two Aussies love the heat so much, he's gonna turn it all off, which he does. After a night without heat, Hell is 40 below. Icicles are hanging off the roof and if the residents were unhappy about the heat, they are now bitterly miserable from the cold.

The next morning the Devil checks back in on the two Aussies. He finds them jumping for joy, laughing and carrying on like they're having the time of their lives. The Devil is beside himself with rage and screams "WHAT IS GOING ON? How can you two be happy about this?"

Kev says... "Mate, don't you know? Hell's frozen over!... Collingwood must have won the Premiership!"

Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

Monday	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	TBA	
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Carvers	Laurie Ham	9720 1995
Tuesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Kids Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	General	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Thursday	9:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Fred Sutton	9754 4425
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Rocking Horses	Tony Truett	9873 2847
			Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Roster

November 2010 - 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

NOTE: If no members have arrived by 10-30 am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Clubrooms.

6	Ray Norton	9763 5728
13	Closed	
20	Brian Douds	9762 3323
27	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

Members Discounts

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.

Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
Carba-Tec.
Ferntree Gully Bolts.
Hobby Tools Australia.
Pop's Shed.
Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
The Woodworking Warehouse.

Current Community Support Activites

Project	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids For Christmas	Continually in progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs & Stools	CPEC	As Required
Various Turnings	Stock for Festivals, etc.	In progress
Kids Korner Kits	Kids Korner Activities	Continuous
Possum Boxes	Knox Council	Completed
Stand	Church, Upper FTG	
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In progress
Goblets	Knox Festival	Completed
500 "Dunny Doors"	Stringybark Festival KCC Project	Completed
Hall Table	Knox Festival	Complete
Garden Setting	Community Nursery	In progress

On Sale at the Club

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$22.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G)	\$2.00