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President's Report - Hurtle Lupton

A very sincere thank you to those members who took the time to turn up to the working bee in March. Over twenty members gave a couple of hours on the Saturday, and all the outstanding jobs were completed, including designing a drop box for the table saw and repairs to the thicknesser. A good job well done!

Again the thicknesser has been abused. This time some timber with a screw in it was run through the machine, causing damage to both the cutters and also the bed, and resulting in the bed having to have the offending groove removed. This is the second time within five weeks that this expensive equipment has been permanently damaged as a direct result of pure carelessness by an irresponsible member.

Unfortunately, because of the continued ongoing abuse of this equipment, your Committee has reluctantly made the following decision. The key to open the thicknesser is to

be removed from the key cabinet, thereby ensuring that in future any person wanting to use the thicknesser will have to approach the Key Holder who will then ensure, prior to the timber being put through the machine, that the timber has been checked with the metal detector. Once that timber has been run through the thicknesser it will again be locked until the next person wishing to use the machine requests the Key Holder to open the machine, and so on.

It must be remembered that the Key Holder is not expected to drop whatever he or she is doing to enable the thicknesser to be used. It will be at the Key Holder's discretion and convenience as to when the thicknesser is to be used.

Your Committee has been forced to take this drastic action because of the ongoing misuse of the thicknesser.

Peter Horsburgh has kindly offered to manage and co-ordinate the "Be in It" competition for this year.

Fred Sutton has advised us that he will be moving away in late May and will be resigning as a Committee Member and also as the Key Holder for Thursday mornings. If anyone is prepared to accept the responsibility of being a Committee member would they please contact a Committee Member?

As Club Members, we are all very appreciative of Fred's willingness over recent times to volunteer for both the Committee and as a Key Holder. Thank you Fred for a job well done! I wish you good health and happiness in the future.



Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th May

Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 18th May

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 4th June

Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 11th June

Working Bee.

17th, 18th & 19th June

Australian Woodturning Exhibition
at the Whitehorse Centre - Competition
Entries close 27th May.

Sunday 14th August

"Be In It" Competition.

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September

Stringybark Festival.



Members Welfare

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



A special note of thanks must go to **Ladislav Toman** for the time and effort that he has donated to the Club in rewiring the new lathes and installing additional power points.

Happy Birthdays in May

The very best of Birthday wishes to

George Giummarra	1st May
Michael Pendrey	3rd May
Jim Gay	4th May
Mike Sheehan	10th May
Bill Longden	11th May
Anthony Deabe	15th May
Karen Button	18th May
Les Wilkins	22nd May
Thomas Coghlan	23rd May
Robert Holdsworth	27th May
Gavin Betts	31st May



Around the Club

As many of you are aware, **Fred Sutton** has resigned from the Committee, due to his impending move to Warragul. Fred intends staying on as a Member of the Club, albeit as a remote one. I'm sure that we will all miss our regular doses of Fred's wry wit and gentle support. Thank you, Fred.



Tony Deabe has generously volunteered to step into Fred's role as the Thursday morning Keyholder, but there is still a vacancy to be filled on the Committee. Any Member interested should contact the Committee.



Change of hours. Please note that the Thursday morning session will now run from 9:30 am. to approximately 2:30 PM.

Mondays' Carving Group will now move to Thursday night, alongside the Fine Furniture Makers.



Membership cards are in the process of being prepared, and should appear on the card racks sometime this week. If at that time you still

have not been issued with a card, then please notify a member of the Committee.

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Following the purchase of the new Excalibur scrollsaw, the McPherson-Woodfast fixed-arm scrollsaw is being offered for sale. The asking price is \$150, and any Members interested should write "Scrollsaw" on an envelope, together with their name and details, and place it in the box below the sign-in book, no later than Wednesday, 18th May. If more than one Member is interested, the successful bid will be "drawn from the hat".



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New Router. A new Triton 2000 watt router has been installed in the table in the corner adjacent to the Spider saw. The collets on this unit differ from those on the other Triton routers and require the whole collet assembly to be interchanged when changing between 1/4" and 1/2" bits. The alternative collet is located in the key cabinet. Please make sure that you place the unused collect in the key cabinet to avoid its being lost.

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A replacement **Dust Extraction** system is still being investigated by the Committee, with no final decision having yet been made. This will be a major investment for the Club and needs to be thoroughly assessed.

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The "**Be In It**" **Competition** is scheduled for Sunday 14th August. The event was not held last year due to a lack of volunteers to assist in the organisational side. Peter Horsburg has volunteered to organise the competition this year, but he will need help. It would be a shame to see the Competition disappear from the Club's calendar, as it does give us a chance to show others what we, as individuals, like to make, and in return get to see others'

masterpieces. But best of all, it is a really great social event. The photo's below are from 2008.



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Two additions to our list of suppliers offering discounts to Members are **Bristol Paints**, Ferntree Gully, and **Mitre 10**, Bayswater. A full list appears on the last page.

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Did you guess the Member last month? Of course, it was **Brian Douds!**



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The new **Excalibur scrollsaw** is proving to be a popular addition to the Club's arsenal of machines. The saw is extremely easy to use and runs smoothly. Blade tensioning is automatic, and a laminated card



located with the saw explains how to change the blade. Steve Good of the Scrollsaw Workshop - located at <http://www.scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com/> has put together a short series of videos on using the Excalibur and these can be found at the following address. They are worth a look, especially if you haven't used the saw before. <http://scrollsawworkshop.blogspot.com/2011/04/first-impressions-of-excalibur-ex-21.html>

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During my digital wanderings I recently came across an absolute gem of a site that I'm sure the non-Ludites among us will find useful. The site is that of LaymarCrafts Woodturning at <http://www.laymar-crafts.co.uk/index.htm> Click on *The Technical Pages* button to bring up the first page of links to a wealth of woodworking information. A word of warning, however. The site appears to be fairly old, and some of the links no longer work.

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Another fascinating site I stumbled across is <http://www.fishcarver.com/index.htm> Check this one out to see some superb examples of carving, and have a look at the DIY Gadgets section, especially the Paint Booth Video.

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**We thank Nick Wakeling MP
- Member for Ferntree Gully
for printing our newsletter as a
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From the Soapbox

The Thicknesser! In his report, our President has outlined the revised procedures for accessing the thicknesser. Conversations with other Clubs reveal that in some instances operation of the thicknesser is limited to one person, with other members having to wait until this individual can find the time to run their job. We do not want to get to this stage, so please observe the following basic procedures.

1. Use the metal detector! The metal detector can be found on the wall abutting the turning room, and a plastic bench is situated outside the machine room door to facilitate the detector's use.



2. Ensure that the dust extraction system is turned on! The blast gate has been removed from the thicknesser, but we have since had an instance of someone using the machine with the extraction system turned off. This will jam the table rollers and probably ruin your project.



3. Ensure that the timber is free of dirt, stones, etc. If necessary brush or sand to remove contamination prior to putting timber through the thicknesser.

4. DO NOT put painted timber through the thicknesser.

5 Measure the thickest part of the wood and set the table accordingly for the first pass. If the wood is tapered, feed the thicker end in first.

6. Use the metal detector!

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8. Use the metal detector!

9. Use the metal detector!

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Humour

One day, while a woodcutter was cutting a branch of a tree above a river, his axe fell into the river. When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The woodcutter replied that his axe had fallen into the water, and he needed the axe to make his living.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a golden axe.

"Is this your axe?" the Lord asked.

The woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a silver axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked.

Again, the woodcutter replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an iron axe. "Is this your axe?" the Lord asked.

The woodcutter replied, "Yes."

The Lord was pleased with the man's honesty and gave him all three axes to keep, and the woodcutter went home happy.

Some time later the woodcutter was walking with his wife along the riverbank, and his wife fell into the river.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him, "Why are you crying?"

"Oh Lord, my wife has fallen into the river!"

The Lord went down into the water and came up with Jennifer Lopez.

"Is this your wife?" the Lord asked.

"Yes," cried the woodcutter.

The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The woodcutter replied, "Oh, forgive me, my Lord. It is a misunderstanding. You see, if I had said 'no' to Jennifer Lopez, You would have come up with Catherine Zeta-Jones. Then if I also said 'no' to her, You would have come up with my wife. Had I then said 'yes,' you would have given all three to me. Lord, I am a poor man, and am not able to take care of all three wives, so THAT'S why I said yes to Jennifer Lopez."

The moral of this story is: Whenever a man lies, it is for a good and honorable reason, and for the benefit of others.

That's our story, and we're sticking to it.

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A local construction company needed to hire another worker. Two applicants had written an aptitude test and the foreman was informing the second person that the first person would be hired.

" There were ten questions, we both answered nine right, so how come he got the job? " the applicant asked.

" Well." the foreman replied," You both missed number five, but he answered, I don't know, and you answered, Neither do I."

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Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

Monday	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Wood Turning	John Emptage	9758 6103
			Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
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 Access	Ray Norton	9763 5728
Thursday	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Toymakers	Fred Sutton	9754 4425
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Fine Furniture	George Knight	0427 417823
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Carvers	Laurie Ham	9879 5144
Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Rocking Horses	Tony Truett	9873 2847
			Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Morning Roster

May 2011 - 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

7	Dick Webb	9887 5310
14	Brian Douds	9758 6103
21	Ray Norton	9763 5720
28	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

Members Discounts

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.

Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.

Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.

Carba-Tec.

Ferntree Gully Bolts.

Hobby Tools Australia.

Mitre-10 - Bayswater.

Pop's Shed.

Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.

Woodworking Machinery Specialists.

The Woodworking Warehouse.

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

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	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Goblets	Knox Festival	Completed
500 "Dunny Doors"	Stringybark Festival KCC Project	Completed
Clock	Stringybark Festival	In progress
Garden Setting	Community Nursery	Completed