



# INGRAINED

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**Knox & District Woodworkers Club**

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## President's Report - Hughie Gaynor.

Welcome back. Based on the number of comments I have received it appears that a number of you have been suffering withdrawal symptoms awaiting anxiously for the 20th January to get up to the Club to catch up with your mates and make woodchips etc. Perhaps this may have been caused by the impacts of the 'Year of the Horse' which I have no doubt will be a great omen for Louis Smith and his able band of jockeys in the horse making area.

For those of you who may not have heard **Michael Talbot** reluctantly submitted his resignation in early January from the position of Secretary due to a job transfer from Melbourne to one based in Bendigo, making it impossible for him to be at the Club as required to undertake those duties. Michael assures me that he will, subject to work commitments, make some flying visits from time to time to say good-day especially when it is Festival time. On behalf of the Club can I just simply say:



*"Michael - many thanks for all your great efforts in the past two and a half years as Secretary.*

*We will all miss your wise counsel and advice and in particular your happy personality".*

We are indeed fortunate that **Albert Bak** has volunteered to take on the role of Secretary at very short notice and I am certain that this critical role is in very capable hands. I am also certain that you will all give him any support he requires as he finds his feet in this role.

Members who have an Email address would be aware that the revised Safety Procedures have been now finalised and are now up on the web site for your perusal. Hard copies will be made available to those members who do not have Email. As part of the Managing Committee's responsibility to ensure that The Clubroom's environment is safe as far as practical for all, it is expected that members, as part of maintaining your membership, will take the time to read and understand your responsibilities in terms of operating machinery, sign and return the confirmation slip as early as

practical. Accepting my bias might I respectfully suggest that this work which is a mandatory requirement, would be the envy of many similar type "woody" Organisations and we all owe a great deal of thanks to fellow members **Ted Bricker, Eric Butterfield and Gary Pope** who have been the major "movers and shakers" to get it all finalised.

**Knox Festival** is upon us so quickly in this new year - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd March adjacent to the Ferntree Gully Reserve and your help is needed to make this another outstanding community and financial success. Members help will be greatly appreciated to load up the truck on Friday, man our Stall on the Saturday and Sunday for whatever time you can spare on Kidz Korner, selling raffle tickets etc. Please take note that each member will receive a book of **10 raffle tickets (\$2 each)** and your help to sell as many as you can, and return the books (both sold and unsold) along with the money to the Club, before this week-end will make life easier for all.

A **Working Bee** is planned for Saturday 8th February commencing at 8am and the main tasks will be a general clean/tidy up anywhere that needs it, tackle the Timber Store yet again to sort out the treasures, and provide some help with the temporary re-location of the steel filing cabinets to enable the area to be cleared for the Club's next big project.

.....**Hughie**

## **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

Members are advised to read the Safety Awareness procedures on the website Safety page (or ask committee for a copy of these, and when understood, **please sign and return the form on page 5 of this newsletter.** We'll also be emailing a copy of the form to members, as well as making the form available on the Club's website.

Refer to: [www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm](http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm)

*Signed FORMS should be submitted to the Club's correspondence BOX located under the sign-in book at the front door of the club house please.*

**\*\* Happy Birthdays - FEBRUARY \*\***

The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:	Peter Jordon	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Robert Sledge	13 <sup>th</sup>
	Ray Norton	25 <sup>th</sup>



Interesting the number of people born in certain months eh? ....Ed!)

**\*\* Members Welfare \*\***

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

**The members are thinking of you at this time.**

- **George Luste** presently not well. **Paul Aminde** making good progress since operations in December.

**\*\* Newsletters by EMAIL \*\***

With the grace period for subscription fees now expired, non-financial members will no longer receive newsletters by email. Always advise the committee of any change to your email address, and remember that archived copies are available on the Club's website. .... Ed

**\*\* Thicknesser blades overhauled \*\***

Lindsay and Dick rotated the cutters on the thicknesser over the break. As they have now been rotated four times they will need to be replaced hopefully not until the end of year. (150 cutters). A very large flathead nail was found in the top of the machine one would wonder at the carelessness of some members PLEASE USE THE METAL DETECTOR. One of the belts was also replaced due to wear, so the machine is ready for a full year of proper use. ....Dick

**\*\*\* Events and Happenings \*\*\***

**Xmas TOY COUNT for presenting:**

**Get ready for another terrific batch of toys**

**Working Bees - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Help is needed to clean up for the New Year!

**KNOW Festival March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014**

Join in with the teams needing help.

**Mont De Lancey - WSS Festival 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

<http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/download/WSS-1.pdf>



**The Club thanks**

**Micronair**  
DUST CONTROL  
for their invaluable assistance.

**\*\*What's the Rocking Horse Group up to?\***

**Louis Smith share's the completion of three horses .....**

Up to Xmas, we completed seven Size 4 and four smaller 'Garath' horses in time for Xmas. Four of the seven were for families, two for the club, (one being made entirely by made Joe Semenow), and one started by John Kilby, and of special mention, completed by joint effort and presented by Chris Geritzen to the Alfred Hospital. Our Chris is a bit of a dark as on two occasions his horses have taken first place at the Lilydale Show. We now have six horses in the process of being constructed, one the work of the President and the other Eric, the odd job man!!!!

With regard to the 'Garath' horses, it was with pleasure that the three were completed and presented. The first went to Bunnings, Nottingham, as a thank you for the timber donated to us over the year. It was raffled and the money was donated to a family to assist in the cost of the hospitalisation of their young son. Mrs Emptage was presented with a horse at her home on the Thursday before Christmas by our President and Hurtle Lupton following a conversation at the 'Be In It' judgment Sunday. Mrs Emptage expressed admiration for the rocking horses on display, casually mentioning the 'Garath' and that her two and a half year granddaughter undoubtedly would love one. It was indicated to her that she had just won one. It was presented with the inscription "To the Emptage family in Memory of the late John Emptage from his mates at KDWC, Christmas, 2013". I am advised that it was received with great delight by the family, particularly Katlin 2 ½ years and Aiden, a year old. Mrs Emptage when first spoken to, wondered whether room would be found in her son's home. She recently advised that as a result of their delight in receiving it now has a pride of place the living area of the home. Mention was made that the tribute on it, to John, made it a must.

The last one was that started by the late Billy Longden. Now Billy was the life and sole of every monthly meeting. His enthusiasm for selling raffle tickets at these meetings will never be surpassed. It was at one of the early meetings that I attended that he attempted to hand me the stubs in the raffle book. I sought to explain to him that he had sold all the tickets. He was not to be argued with. Not knowing him very well I sought the help of one of the members and the matter was resolved. Just after the last Stringybark festival the writer happened to be sitting with him and Karen Button at the 'tea table'. Billy was seeking help from Karen in relation to making a 'Garath' that he had started several years back and wanted to complete. He had at the table, some cut out parts. Karen looked across seeking help. This resulted in Billy being taken into 'Joe's Stable' and the pieces he had with the relevant templates. It was discovered that he had four legs the same, partially cut out. A few other parts were missing and the head was not glued correctly. Billy stated that the horse was for his wife. In a number of the ensuing days together, the shortcomings were rectified and horse was assembled, stained, dressed and the stand made. Billy was not seen for a week or more during the latter part of the construction. It was then learned that he was in the Anglis Hospital and on a Tuesday, a week before his passing, he was visited. He was duly told him that his horse was finished and he had to eat up his untouched meal otherwise he would not be getting out of hospital. Billy expressed his appreciation and immediately added, "You know I made that horse". Following his passing a week later, Sheila Longden was contacted and advised that the club was in possession of a horse that he had made for her. She was somewhat surprised but stated that he did mention he was making a horse but it had been long coming. She had queried with him, who it was for, and was advised it was to be given away. When the horse was delivered she mentioned her involvement with the Cancer Council but would leave it to her daughters to decide just what to do with it. It has now been advised that her daughters wish it to be kept in the family. **The name of the horse is 'BillyLou'**. Apparently Billy's boat was called 'BilCan'. The writer is very touched.

....Beautifully stated, Louis! Thanks, [Ed]

\*\*\* **VALE – Michael Sheehan** \*\*\*  
**10-05-1933 - 12-01-2014**

Hughie received a ring from Joe Semenow on 12th Jan to let him know that **Michael Sheehan** died this morning at 3am. He had suffered a stroke just over a week earlier and was in the Knox and District Hospital but was not allowed visitors. Mike's wife Margaret had been keeping Joe in touch with how he was progressing and in turn Joe had passed on the good wishes to her on behalf of the Club.



Recollections of Michael when speaking with close members and friends like Bruce Powell and Tony Truett paint a clear picture of what a tremendously helpful, jovial and community spirited chap, he will always be remembered as being.

Prior to being welcomed into the Club in 2005, Michael had been President numerous times for the Triton Holmsglen Club, but soon found himself entrenched into the toy group and horse making group at KDWC. Here he demonstrated his abilities in making some 8-10 horses not just for family, but for Cabrini Hospital where he held a long term business connection as well as being a patient. One of his Doctor's won a raffle for a horse built by Michael, but dutifully allowed to to be re-drawn. Michael went on to build four beautiful horses for Cabrini.

Many members remember with fond affection and pride, the help they've received from advise and general hands-on assistance provided by Michael at Club activities, festivals and Group sessions like Toys/Horses.

Michael's wife Margaret and their family retain a wonderful legacy in Michael's hand-crafted horses, ridden with joy by the grandchildren, and no doubt his character and devotion lives on in his works.

.....Farewell to a fine member: Michael.



**Workshop Notes - "members helping members"**  
**Magswitch Featherboards**

Another terrific article by **Phil Spencer**. In this article, Phil has shared his methods again.

One of the most useful accessories I use in my workshop is the humble featherboard. In the past I have either made my own or used a commercially made one. They keep my work in place and allow me to keep my hands out of the way. I always found there were limitations using featherboards. They relied on the slot in the saw table to be fixed or had to be clamped down.

A few years ago I discovered the Magswitch featherboard. These things had industrial magnets fitted that could be turned on to hold, or turned off to release. These have allowed me to not only work safer, but they are also more convenient to use, instead of relying on the track in the table to clamp the featherboard. I can position the featherboard anywhere on the saw table and I can also position them on my jointer to hold work down and on my bandsaw when re-sawing wood.

The other advantage of the Magswitch system is the magnets can be purchased separately and fitted to that custom jig or fence you have made. They give you the opportunity to work more safely and also open up other opportunities.

The Magswitch is available from Carbitec. See: [http://www.carbatec.com.au/magswitch-professional-table-featherboard\\_c20044](http://www.carbatec.com.au/magswitch-professional-table-featherboard_c20044)



"Enjoy!" ....Phil

**\*\*Bill's website tip of the month! \*\***

Here's a terrific cross reference of timber species

<http://www.timber.net.au/index.php/species.html>

..something to read when out of the shed!

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**\*\*WANTED\*\***

Would the individual(s) who chose to collect some free firewood, please return the firewood BOX that is stored outside the fence for this purpose! Sounds like the club needs to resort to building things out of steel, concreted to the ground, to help others!

.....*Greedy Collector!*

**\*\*\* Humor \*\*\*****Homographs**

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

You think English is easy?? I think a retired English teacher was bored. ...THIS IS GREAT!

Read all the way to the end.....

This took a lot of work to put together!

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse
4. We must polish the Polish furniture..
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear .....
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

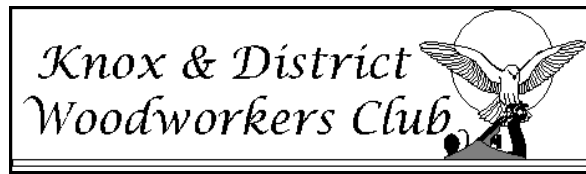
PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this. There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and it's "UP". It's easy to understand "UP", meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake "UP"?

- At a meeting, why does a topic come "UP"?
- Why do we speak "UP" and why are the officers "UP" for election and why is it "UP" to the Secretary to write "UP" a report.
- We call "UP" our friends.
- And we use it to brighten "UP" a room, polish "UP" the silver.
- We warm "UP" the leftovers and clean "UP" the kitchen.
- Struth! ...I give "UP"!!!

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

*...Thanks for contributions [Ed]*



## Safety Awareness Program KDW-00 - Introduction

**Purpose**

The Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc. have introduced this safety awareness program to ensure the on going safety and well being of all club members.

**Scope**

In scope, this safety awareness program will cover all major equipment and safety concerns with regards to club owned machinery, equipment and processes. It will also cover such areas as protective equipment and clothing requirements which are regarded as the minimum necessary while in attendance at the club.

**Program Procedures.**

The procedures listed below will be supplied to all new, prospective and current members, and are required to be read, understood and confirmed by all new, prospective and current members and that they will undertake to work to the safety awareness requirements contained therein by signing below.

**Procedures.**

Procedure No.	Procedure Name
KDW-00	Introduction / Agreement to Safety Procedures
KDW-01	General Safety / Designated Members
KDW-02	Docking Saw (Spida Saw) Safety
KDW-03	Lathe Safety
KDW-04	Sliding Compound & Mitre Saw Safety
KDW-05	Band Saw Safety
KDW-06	Router Table Safety
KDW-07	Thickneser Machine Safety
KDW-08	Planing - Buzzer Machine Safety
KDW-09	Table Saw Safety
KDW-10	Pedestal Drill Safety
KDW-11	Sanding Machine Safety
KDW-12	Grinder Machines Safety
KDW-13	Mortice Machine Machine

**Confirmation**

**“Your signature below is confirmation that you have read the Safety Awareness Procedures supplied and that you understand and agree to work to the requirements contained therein”.**

**Member Signature:**.....

**Print Name:**.....

**Date:**...../...../.....

**Note:** If any prospective or existing member has an issue regarding the content, or understanding of the procedures themselves, then they must not sign this document.

If this document is not signed then the member or prospective new member will not be allowed to use the club equipment until their concerns are addressed by the safety committee.

If after the Safety Committee has addressed the concerns and the confirmation is still not signed, then the full committee will undertake to resolve any remaining issues or concerns.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the elected committee of Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc. is committed to the ongoing safety and well being of ALL members.

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**Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders**

*Note: All Members are welcome to access the Clubrooms at any of these times.*

<b>Monday</b>	09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
<b>Tuesday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner	Peter Horsburg	9879 5144
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	0439 919758
<b>Wednesday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
<b>Thursday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Furniture Making	George Knight	0427 417823
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Carving (for all!)	Albert Bak	0419 384099
<b>Friday</b>	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	0439 919758 9754 2342
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>see roster below and WORKING BEES</i>				
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>(closed)</i>				

**Saturday Morning Roster**

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm		
Jan 25	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
Feb 1	Louis Smith/Larry	97542342
Feb 8	<b>**working Bee**</b>	
Feb 15	Dick Webb	9764 5321
Feb 22	Brian Douds	9801 5857
Mar 1	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

NOTE: If no member arrives by 10:30am, the Key Holder has the option of closing Clubrooms.

**Members Discounts**

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.

**\*\*Show some suitable KDWC / personal ID\*\***

- Australian Lighting - Bayswater,
- Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.
- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tec.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Hobby Tools Australia.
- Jaylor Tools
- Mitre-10 - Bayswater.
- Pop's Shed.
- Screwit - Supplier of Sachy Screws
- Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
- Woodworking Machinery Specialists.
- The Woodworking Warehouse

**On Sale at the Club**

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$25.00
Club Fleecy Tops - Half Zip	\$40.00
Club Fleecy Tops - Full-length Zip	\$50.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G)	\$2.00

**Current Community Support Activites**

Project (ref: Eric)	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged	Continuous
	Kids for Xmas	In Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs & Stools	Cerebral Palsey	As required
Various Turnings	Festival stock &c	In Progress
Kidz Korner kits	KK Activities	<b>Continuous</b>
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival.	Mar 2014
Clock	Knox Festival.	Mar 2014
Turned Bowl	Knox Festival.	Mar 2014
Jewelery Box	Stringybark Fest.	Oct 2014

**Important Diary Dates**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. **CLOSED** for AUST DAY  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb **Members Meeting 7.30PM**  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb **\*\*WORKING BEE\*\* 8:00AM !!**  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb **\*\*preparation night for:**  
**Sat-Sun 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - KNOX FESTIVAL**  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar **Members Meeting 7.30PM**

**\*\* STOP PRESS \*\* OH&S agreement needed**

All members now need to be familiar with OH&S safety awareness procedures and confirm so.

Check the SAFETY website at:

[www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm](http://www.alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm)

**\*\* RAFFLE TICKETS \$2.00 for Knox Festival \*\***