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President's Report – Hughie Gaynor.

May I offer a big thank you to all members who helped out in any way at the recent **Stringybark Festival**. I can happily report that the new location at the Festival gave us a more visible presence to the general public resulting in greater number of visitors to all our activities and a resultant healthy increase in revenue earned compared to last year.

On your behalf may I also extend our thanks to the Knox Council Building Facilities Group who have recently updated our Clubroom's front and rear access which will make life a lot easier and safer for all members and visitors.

November already and if anyone suggests that The Woodies can relax a little for the rest of the year might I suggest that judging by the number of important Club events it will be a very busy time for the rest of 2014.

Wednesday 5th November.

Normal Monthly Meeting combined with our Annual Christmas **Toy Presentation** to Organisations who assist members of the community. Through the ongoing generous support of members involved in toy making activities we are in the fortunate position to be able to extend the number of Organisations who will receive toys this year from 3 to 6.

Thursday 13th November.

In our efforts to promote social activities for members we are now the proud owners (courtesy of **Charles Bruckner** and **John Jackson's** combined efforts) of a regulation indoor **carpet bowls** mat and 2 sets of bowls. To launch this new activity, you are invited to come along for a \$2 barbeque lunch with soft drinks, before you experience the thrill of keeping the right bias and length on your bowls. If you haven't tried indoor bowls before, relax, as a number of experienced members will be on hand to explain the rules and the finer points of how to play the game.

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November.

On both days, 24 students accompanied by teachers from **Saint Joseph's** Primary School will be visiting our Clubrooms between 10am till approximately noon to construct a pre ordered Kidz Korner kit. Currently, it appears that we will have sufficient help for Thursday, but we would be **most appreciative for help on the Friday**. If you can help on the Friday could you please let **Dick Webb** or any Committee member know.

Wednesday 3rd December. **NOTICE TO MEMBERS TO HAVE A PRE CHRISTMAS CLEAN UP AND DONATE YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES TO HELP YOUR CLUB.**

The last member's Meeting of the year will be a short and sweet affair to ensure that we have lots of time to enjoy our annual fund raising **Auction** which will be conducted by our own expert Auctioneer **Stan Jebb**. Everyone attending is assured of a bargain and if you are lucky, you may be able to get your Christmas shopping done. Don't forget this fun event is preceded by a **free sausage sizzle** and drinks commencing at **6.00pm**.

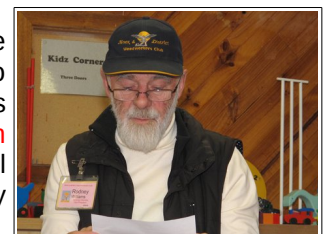
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER –2 IMPORTANT DIARY ENTRIES.

A **Working Bee** will commence at 8am with the main aim to tidy up The Clubrooms to help set up the annual member's **Christmas break up**. Our in-house catering arrangements will ensure that this event will not be too costly and the only difference this year compared to past events, is that it will not be held on the lawn area, but, in the Clubrooms and weather permitting on the concrete areas.

Full details will be available late November.

CLUB CLOSE DOWN.

Please be warned and take note that you have only 7 weeks to finish your special Project this year as the **Club will close from Saturday 20th December** and will re-open on Monday 13th January 2015.



ably assisted by Rod (at AGM)

.....Hughie

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Around Our Club

TOY COUNT for XMAS Presentations: Sep: 487+ November meeting is the big handover night.

Remember: There are many less fortunate, who really appreciate these gifts at Xmas.Ed.

Membership Fees were due 1st Sept.

Social Committee News

All suggestions Contact: [Karen Button](#) 0407 556 666

Time to roll out the **indoor bowling** mat and learn the game with a \$2 BBQ lunch to get it rolling. 13th Nov.

A big thanks for recent prize donations.

Be sure to support our locals:

Mattash Meats and Mountain Gate Newsagency!

Member's Birthdays - NOVEMBER

The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:	Max Holt	2nd	
	Louis Williams	9th	
	Brian Bracegirdle	10th	
	Todd McDougall	11th	
	Peter Collins	13th	
	David Light	16th	
	Neil Bengough	16th	
	Ray Stewart	18th	
	Rod Hall	21st	
	John Jackson	22nd	
Colin Craig	23rd	Rodney Williams	25th
Ivan Harbent	29th	Jenny Stevens	30th



Hope all of you have a top day, and enjoy the year ahead!
....Ed!

Member's Welfare

Best wishes of a full & speedy recovery to those in ill health. Recent contact from [Amos Pasquale](#) tells of his diagnosis of cancer, and we trust he is in fine hands as he tackles it.

And [Ray Norton](#) - a serious side affect of a hand infection.

....Our thoughts are with you.

Equipment for sale by TENDER

Equipment on offer this month
for sale by TENDER.

****NOTHING this month****

Normal process is to lodge a SUBMISSION to the committee, putting your name and best offered price in an envelope in MAIL SHUTE by the club doorway.

KDWC information for Members on Club's website

How to JOIN: alchester.com.au/kdwc

LINKS: alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcmlink.htm

Membership: alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcmemb.htm

SAFETY: alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcsafe.htm

Newsletters: alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcnews.htm

... Any suggestions for additions, always ask/offer!Ed

Summary of the AGM President's highlights of 2014

This is a short summary of the key points from Hughie Gaynor's AGM President's report Oct 1st, and demonstrates some great achievements made for the Club during 2013-14.

A big thanks to the Committees and Executive for running the Club so well in the past year!
....[Ed]

- 25th year celebrations – It is not often that a Club can boast that this event has been immortalised for ever in the official record of the Victorian Parliament via Hansard.
- Annual Toy presentation to those in the Community who are less fortunate.
- Christmas member's function – Yet another example of great co-operation by all to make this a low cost, do it yourself, annual event.
- Finalisation of the Safety Awareness Program which formally commits all members to abide with the instructions contained therein, thereby, ensuring as far as practical, that safety of all at the Club is of paramount importance.
- Introduction of regular formal Meetings with the General Committee and all Key Holders to ensure that all member's interests and/or concerns are adequately addressed.
- Rationalisation of the former steel cabinets in the Clubrooms which have been replaced with the introduction of in house designed and built cupboards, along with the introduction of "1 key fits all", making life a little easier for our hardworking Keyholders.
- Consolidation of all maintenance gear into the one location.
- Formation of a Social Committee, which to date, has resulted in a successful Trivia night being held and the introduction of a bar-b-q lunch on occasions for members.
- Sealing of a portion of the car park area and alterations to the Club's entrance steps to help eliminate trips and falls.
- Successful Participation at the Knox and Stringybark Festivals despite major changes in location/ amenity facilities being encountered
- Commencement of update/modernisation of the Timber Store area .
- Plans currently in progress to determine the feasibility of creating an outdoor bar-b-q area with appropriate seating and shade, introduction of indoor carpet bowling, construction of a Festival Shed within the Timber Store, and refurbishment of the Clubroom floor.
- A great number of Projects successfully completed with the major stand out one being the brand new "Welcome to Ferntree Gully" sign.
- Membership numbers have increased to an all time high of 196 (all categories) which suggests that all Woodies are continuing to do it right.
- 1st full year of enjoying the climate controlled Clubroom environment, which has contributed to increased members particularly our golden oldies now coming to the Club when outside temperatures are extreme.

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

Events

Stringybark Festival, Rowville - Oct 2014 – top day!



Thanks to **Bill Ireland** for some nice photos of what was a really successful day for the Woodies over at Rowville this year in October. Everybody was hard at it, carving, assembling Kidz Korner kits, selling raffle tickets and Club products. Another big hit for the kids – young and old! The new long layout was a real improvement as these pictures illustrate.

Events

AGM presentations and Elections

The AGM held Oct 1st, 2014, saw the full return of the Executive, Committee and working groups for 2015, aptly assisted, as is tradition, by **Cr Karin Orpen** doing a stirring job of keeping the “Woodies” under control.



The highlight of the AGM was the annual awards in recognition of the efforts by members. The six **President's Awards** to **Ray Norton, Tony Deabe, Willy Schlaf, Albert Bak, Serge Meilak and Eric Butterfield**, are outlined on pg 5.

The 2014 **Bill Gillingham Memorial Award**, went to **Henke Eyssens** for his exemplary and tireless work around the club on so many projects.



The presentation was made by **Sandra Bell**, daughter of the late **Bill and Jean Gillingham**. See the full history behind this, the Club's most prestigious award: alchester.com.au/kdwc/kdwcgill.htm



Life Membership was presented to **Colin Stewart**, one of our quiet achievers, and deservedly so!

Congatulations to all these members, a job well done!



The duly elected Executive, got straight back to business. Thanks to **Lindsay Horsley** for some top photos! Above: **Albert Bak (Secr), Hughie Gaynor (Pres), Serge Meilak (Tres)**.

The Club thanks



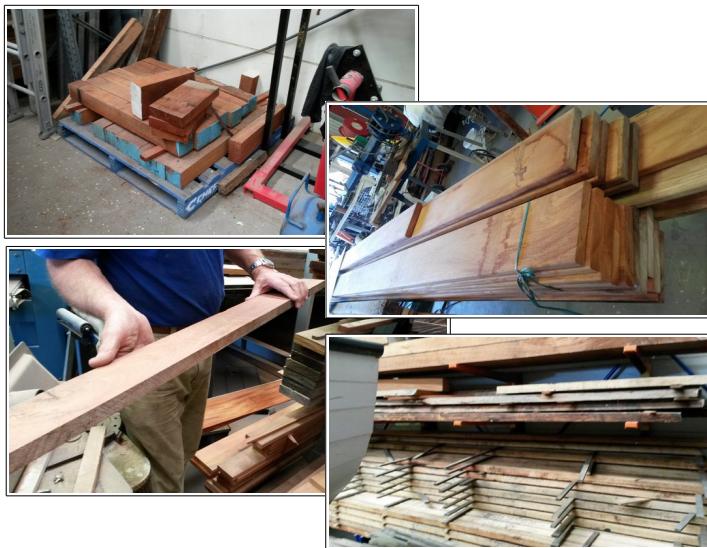
Workshop Notes - "members helping members"

Phil Spencer has shared a couple of contacts he uses for **woodworking supplies/equipment**:

See it here: <http://www.getwoodworking.com.au/index.html>

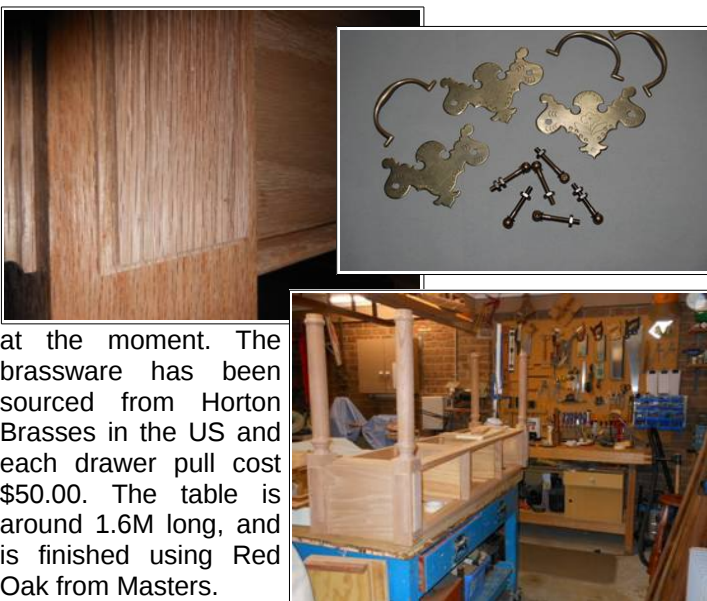
And, if you're after **plantation grown Mahogany** members can contact this supplier: Mark Reid at 47 Slip Road in **Paynesville**, but give him a call first on 0419 562 659. He has some nice carving blanks as well as straight wood and 4 x 4 for table legs. Next shipment he will be bringing in some quarter sawn wood as well as burls and crouch pieces. Would you believe that the mill was burning the burls because they did not know what to do with them! He is also going to talk to the mill about the root of the trees as there will be some curly wood that turners will like.

He also has a range of other wood there like Beef Wood and some Merbu 4 x 4. When Phil left, he gave him a hand full of pen blanks of various species including Mahogany and Beef Wood. Phil is researching how to stabilise wood from the coconut tree also provided. All the wood that Mark imports is plantation grown.



Phil's current WIP: A Hall Stand.

Some pictures of the hall table being built



at the moment. The brassware has been sourced from Horton Brasses in the US and each drawer pull cost \$50.00. The table is around 1.6M long, and is finished using Red Oak from Masters.

So, members.... what's your WIP at the moment? Drop a line with some pictures to the Club's email for including in the Newsletter to share with the others.

Bill's websites of the month!

Fence posts anybody?

If anybody would be interested, this was found recently. Red gum fence posts.

Thanks for sharing with us. Member: *Matthew Rowles*
<http://www.ebay.com.au/itm/261610862029>

Amazing Wood Mill!

Member's might like to look at this Landline story, about an 85 year old saw miller using his home made saw mill. [Click http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2014/s4109955.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2014/s4109955.htm)
Well spotted by Phil!

A useful planner for workshops

Specify the size of your workshop and then drag tools and machinery into the plan and muck around with the layout.
<http://www.grizzly.com/workshopplanner> *Phil!*

And you think some projects are tricky to make!

Click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toXNVbvFXyk>
For those who are musical and woody minded! (use sound)

A couple of candid moments at the AGM.

Well caught by Lindsay's camera work!



Hughie's "swan" impression seeking volunteers.



Look of horror as "Treasurer's" position announced AGAIN!

2014 President's Awards

RAY NORTON. Has been an active Committee member since 2006 and was always at the Club helping out in any number of Club activities. Apart from his Committee, role he also undertook the role of our resident Master Garden expert for years (all lawns on the total site spic and span and not a weed to be seen) until a bout of ill health some ¾ years ago prevented him continuing in this role. Despite his health scare Ray continued to come to Club to finalise a number of "overdue" projects he had promised his granddaughters.

TONY DEABE. Thursday at the Club would not be the same without our keyholder and woody expert "how do you do it?" on hand, willing and able to lend a hand to anyone seeking advice. Despite the fact that he travels quite a distance you can set the clock that he will never be late and disappoint members, and one endearing feature of Tony's personality is his unique dress sense in a green woodturner's jacket.

WILLY SCHLAF. I would not venture to suggest how many hours (would be in the 1000's) Willy has been standing at a wood carvers bench. He is always at the Club on a Thursday evening teaching fellow members this specialised art OR at each Knox and Stringybark Festival on both Saturday and Sunday demonstrating his skills to the general public. You could always count on Willy attending Working Bees and he was always willing to help out with any task . A very recent example of his dedication to the Club was that he volunteered his former job skills by providing a first class finish to the recently completed cupboards.

ALBERT BAK. For a fellow who had only been a member for just over a year, Albert answered the call to become a Committee member in 2013 and without hesitation he took on the role of Secretary at very short notice in January this year. Apart from his administration and computer expertise, he is also exceptionally skilled with furniture computer design particularly the handsome units we the Club now have, and the design of the Boardroom furniture for a joint Project with Knox Council and the Ferntree Gully cricket and football Clubs. Suggest we all watch this space for more of his expertise with the Display cabinets that is currently a work in progress.

SERGE MEILAK. Serge could best be described as a classic case of " Been there - done that". A Foundation and Life Member who has undertaken many roles in the Club including President way back in 91 and 92 and various stints over the years as either Treasurer or other Executive position. For those who have attended Club Working Bees you can always rely on Serge being able to provide a feast of delicious food. His ongoing generosity in supplying chocolates for our monthly raffle is legendary and at our Christmas functions his past skills as a butcher ensured that we all had the best steak and other meats to enjoy.

ERIC BUTTERFIELD. Without a doubt Eric has the finger on the pulse of what has, or is about to happen at the Club. In past years he has undertaken the role of Secretary for 2 years, he has also acted as Treasurer and has for a number of years undertaken the role as our resident guru on maintaining our IT membership records. Eric was also instrumental in developing/type-setting our recently introduced Safety Awareness Program. If he is not busy enough, Eric also somehow finds time to undertake the role of Project Co-ordinator which has resulted in the Club undertaking some major exercises not the least of which was the Welcome to Ferntree Gully new sign.

Humor



What is this? And what are they used for? **Phil** made three different sizes of these for a mate.... not much of a clue there is it! The person who guesses correctly can get a pat on the back and a good firm handshake from the president.

Ah the Irish!

They live such a simple life, even when expressing themselves.

Paddy texts his wife...

"Mary, Im just having one more pint with the lads. If I'm not back in 20 minutes, read this message again."



Who left this adorable kid behind recently?

Looks like Kidz Korner left behind one of their best workers! Lucky Albert came to the rescue, be-it-all, only with his camera!

It's all good, Frank found his way home.

Not all words are what you think!

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by product is methane gas of course. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles, you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, **BOOOOM!**

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit ' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold, would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ', (**Stow High In Transit**) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

.. allegedly!

....Thanks for contributions [Ed]

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Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders

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

Monday	09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
Tuesday	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner General Access	Dick Webb Andre Cook	97645321 0488 585 970
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Bruce Allen	0439 919758
Wednesday	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
Thursday	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
Friday	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Bruce Allen Louis Smith	0439 919758 9754 2342
Saturday	<i>see roster below and WORKING BEES</i>				
Sunday	<i>(closed)</i>				

Saturday Morning Roster

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

Nov 1	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
Nov 8	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
Nov 15	Louis Smith / Larry	9754 2342
Nov 22	Dick Webb	9764 5321
Nov 29	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
Dec 6	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
Dec 13	**WORKING BEE**	
Dec 20	CLOSE FOR XMAS	

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

Current Projects in progress

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	Continuous
Rocking Horse	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Clock	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Turned Bowl	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Jewellery Box	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct

Member's Discounts

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.
****Show some suitable KDWC / personal ID****

- Australian Lighting - Bayswater,
- Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.
- Budget Car and Truck Rental (FTG) (new one!)
- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tec.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Hobby Tools Australia.
- Jalor Tools
- Mitre-10 - Bayswater.
- Pop's Shed.
- Screwit – Supplier of Sachy Screws
- Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
- Woodworking Machinery Specialists.
- The Woodworking Warehouse

Important Diary Dates and coming events

Wed	5 th Nov	Members Meeting	7.30PM
		TOY presentation	
Thurs	13 th Nov	BBQ / Indoor Bowls	12.00noon
Wed	19 th Nov	Committee Meeting	
Thu/Fri	27 th /28 th Nov	Saint Joseph's students	10.00AM
Wed	3 rd Dec	Sausage Sizzle	6.00PM
		Member's Meeting	7.30PM
		AUCTION NIGHT	
Sat	13 th Dec	Working Bee	8.00AM
		XMAS Breakup	evening "TBA"
Wed	17 th Dec	Committee Meeting	
Sat	20 th Dec	Club CLOSES for 2014	
Mon	13 th Jan	Club re-opens for 2015	

Merchandise and Materials on sale at 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

**** STOP PRESS ****

Cleanout the Garage/Workshop, because it's the AUCTION NIGHT at DECEMBER meeting. Time to share your treasures with your mates!